



Officer Norm Grodi (left) with Officer Bob Pitzen, Christmas 1967.



The 20th TPD Academy class in front of the old FOP lodge at the Bay View Park Range. The class was initiated into lodge 40 after a little work cleaning, painting and raking.



# Toledo Policeman Slain By Ex-Convict; Cornered Killer Takes Own Life

Dec 8, 1960



RAYMOND BROTHERS

Killed himself when surrounded



PATROLMAN BOYLE

Slain while serving warrant

## 50 Officers Surround East Side Garage

A Toledo patrolman was slain today in an exchange of shots with a 30-year-old former convict, who later shot himself to death in the loft of a garage which had been surrounded by 50 policemen.

The patrolman, 29-year-old Walter P. Boyle, had gone to an East Toledo home to serve a warrant on his killer, Raymond Brothers, at 619 Elmore St., and had pursued him across the street into an alley in the 500 block of Arden Place.

Patrolman Boyle, married, lived at 1388 Glenview Dr.; has been a policeman a little more than three years and is one of four brothers who are city policemen.

Brothers, 30, had been sought on a warrant signed by his wife, Ruth, 30, who had accused him of threatening her with a knife.

### Shot 4 Times

Patrolman Boyle, who was pronounced dead in St. Vincent's Hospital, was shot four times—once in the forehead and three times in the left chest.

About an hour and 45 minutes later, after he had been heard to mutter, "You're not going to take me," Brothers was found dead in a tear gas-filled two-car garage, shot in his chest.

Patrolman Irvin Smith, who himself was wounded several years ago by a berserk gunman, fired four gas grenades from a large caliber rifle and tossed several more into the garage. Then he fired several shotgun blasts into the building.

Donning a gas mask supplied by the fire division, Patrolman Richard Haberstock entered a service door of the garage and, climbing a small ladder, found Brothers, with the revolver in his hand, dead.

Mrs. Brothers said that several days ago her husband had threatened her with a knife and had previously beaten her. Feeling that he was emotionally disturbed, she said, Mrs. Brothers went to Willis Lude-man, chief deputy in Probate Court, to seek help for him.

Mrs. Brothers was referred to Probate Judge Norris, who suggested, the wife said, that the most prompt way to get her husband medical or psychiatric attention was to have him arrested.

Patrolman Boyle's brothers in the police division are Regis, William and Daniel, all patrolmen. The dead policeman's wife, Charman, is in Toledo Hospital, where she underwent minor surgery yesterday. He was appointed to the force Oct. 1, 1958.

### Killer's Police Record Dates Back To 1948

Brothers' police record dates back to 1948 when he was arrested in Zanesville, O., for highway robbery. He was sent to Lima State Hospital for 60-day period of observation, after which hospital authorities declared him "dangerous and homicidal." He was sent by a Zanesville court to the state hospital at Cambridge, O., for an indefinite term.

He showed up on Toledo police records Feb. 21, 1956, when he was arrested on complaint of a Lois Brothers for threatening in a menacing manner. For this he was placed under \$200 peace bond in Toledo Municipal Court.

On Oct. 18, 1958, he was arrested for the shooting of a

17-year-old youth who had gone to the rescue of a 15-year-old girl molested at White Street and Starr Avenue.

Brothers admitted shooting the youth in the abdomen with a pistol after he was cornered between houses in the 1300 block of Macon Street.

Brothers drew a 30-day jail term for molesting the girl, and was indicted by the grand jury on Nov. 6, 1958 on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and shooting with intent to kill and wound. Judge Geraldine Macelwane on Nov. 18 sentenced him to 1-to-3 years in the Ohio State Reformatory. He was paroled Jan. 13, 1960.

### Record Not Checked

She was interviewed by Patrolman John Shuba in the police record bureau at 9:30 a.m. The patrolman attached to the warrant a description of Brothers and a report on where he might be found, but did not indicate he might be dangerous. Patrolman Shuba said he did not examine Brothers' record and that the wife made no mention of his dangerous tendencies.

The warrant was given to Patrolman Boyle and his crew mate about 9:30; it later was found in the yard beside the patrolman's body.

Lt. Kenneth Fess, who examined Brothers' body in the Clegg Mortuary, found a small tin container in Brothers' clothing. In it was a two-foot length of cord and a woman's silk stocking, two holes cut out, and tied to form a mask.

### Face Down In Alley Way

Two other patrolmen, John Cothorn and John Mussery, had found Patrolman Boyle, face down in the back yard alley way of the home of Mrs. John Flynn, 551 Arden Pl.

Patrolman Boyle and his partner, Patrolman John Helman, had gone to the Brothers home to serve the misdemeanor warrant. Patrolman Boyle got out of the patrol wagon to knock on the door.

Robert Moore, 32, of 1209 Liberty St., a city refuse collector, said he was in an alley when Brothers ran out of the Elmore Street home, brushing him and saying, "You're not going to take me."

Patrolman Boyle pursued Brothers toward Prentice Street. Patrolman Helman, driver of the patrol wagon, who said he did not hear any shots fired, in the meantime radioed Sgt. Orpha Mattox for help.

### Woman Hears 3 Shots

Patrolman Boyle apparently fired only one shot in the exchange.

Mrs. George Vinet, 540 Arden, said she heard at least three shots.

Two boys told Sergeant Mattox that they saw a man come from between two houses, walking slowly and then break into a run toward Nevada Street.

Brothers then headed for the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Edith Hyndman, 963 Berry St., where Mrs. Brothers and their five children—Jack, 7; Raymond, 6; William, 3, and Charlene and Darlene, 8-month-old twins—had gone earlier today. The home is a half-mile from the scene of the first shooting.

### 'Told Us What He'd Done'

Mrs. Hyndman said Brothers entered the house and "told us what he had done. He said he knew he had killed a policeman and was going out into the garage and hide."

Minutes after Brothers had run out of the house, policeman had surrounded it from every direction.

They had soon surrounded the garage and took cover as Brothers fired two shots from inside.

Directed by Police Chief Anthony A. Bosch and Safety Director John Manton, Patrolman Smith unleashed the tear gas grenades on the building. Soon Patrolman Haberstock, with others storming in after him, had entered to find the quarry dead.



# Where Death Struck Twice

Dec. 8, 1965



**ARROW POINTS TO GARAGE WHERE PATROLMAN'S SLAYER FLED**

*Some of the 50 policeman cautiously approach killer's refuge*

## Policeman's Slayer Had Long History Of Emotional And Court Troubles

**First Committed To State Hospital At 16; Police Acted Upon Wife's Complaint**

More than a decade of emotional disturbance, during which he spent time in two mental hospitals and a reformatory, preceded yesterday's tragedy in which Raymond Brothers shot a policeman and killed himself.

Brothers was 16 when he was admitted to Cambridge State Hospital, following a sex offense. Initial reports showed he did not get along with anyone.

He ran away from the hospital Feb. 23, 1948. The next day, in company with a former Cambridge patient who had been discharged, Brothers was involved in a burglary at Zanesville.

Officials said Brothers was

not charged with the burglary on condition that he return to the hospital and undergo treatment. He was transferred from Cambridge to Lima State Hospital April 9, 1948, after being adjudged dangerous and homicidal.

**Released To Family**

Five months later Cambridge authorities received a report

from Lima that Brothers no longer was mentally ill. The patient was returned to the Cambridge hospital Sept. 3, 1948, and, under a prior arrangement, was released on a trial visit to his family the next day.

A plan had been worked out with a Cambridge attorney and relatives that the youth was to go home and his family would care for him. On reports sent in by the family and on the basis of visits to the home by social workers, Brothers was discharged from the Cambridge hospital April 30, 1949.

His next brush with the law came in Toledo Feb. 21, 1956. He was arrested on the complaint of an East Toledo woman, who said he had threatened her with a gun and forced her into his apartment where he made sexual advances. He was released by the late Judge Homer A. Ramey after signing a \$200 peace bond.

Brothers, by then married and the father of three children, next got into trouble Oct. 18, 1958. He was arrested for molesting a 15-year-old girl in East Toledo and shooting a 17-year-old youth who went to her aid.





—Blade Photos

OFFICERS POISED FOR DASH INTO EAST SIDE GAR



# Police Killing First In Toledo Since '47 Safety Bldg. Battle

## Slaying Of Detective, 2 Suspects In Blazing Gun Action Is Recalled

Patrolman Walter Patrick Boyle, killed by a gunman yesterday, was the first Toledo policeman to die of gunfire since Detective Lt. John J. McCarthy was shot to death outside the Safety Building Jan. 7, 1947.

Lieutenant McCarthy, like yesterday's victim, was tremendously proud of his Irish ancestry and would have thought Walter Patrick Boyle was a "fine broth of a lad."

Both men died under similar circumstances defying a gunman, who threatened their lives and sought escape.

Lieutenant McCarthy and two other policemen were bringing in a trio, including a suspected check forger, Edward Gordon Monnett. As the police car neared Erie and Jackson Streets, Monnett pushed a pistol against Lieutenant McCarthy's head and commanded: "This is as far as we go. Stop the car, or I'll kill all three of you."

### 3 Killed In Battle

In the blazing action which followed, Lieutenant McCarthy died, but he killed his prisoner. Monnett's unarmed pal, John Quirk also fell fatally wounded in the gunfire joined in by Policemen John Connors and Floyd Cartledge, who have since been promoted to detectives.

Yesterday Patrolman Boyle swung out of a patrol wagon to serve the warrant on Raymond Brothers, 30, of 619 Elmore St., whose wife Ruth, 30, had signed a warrant charging him with threatening to kill. The patrolman left his partner, Patrolman John Helman, sitting in the patrol wagon.

The events which followed are mostly theory, but in running from arrest Brothers was heard by a refuse collector

to shout: "You're not going to take me."

Chief Anthony Bosch believes Patrolman Boyle was ambushed as he rounded a corner of the home of Mrs. John Flynn, 551 Arden Pl., felled by a shot in the forehead and while lying on the ground had three bullets pumped into his chest.

Patrolman Boyle, who has three brothers, also Toledo patrolmen, joined the force Oct. 1, 1958, five years after the eldest, Daniel Joseph, became a policeman.

Daniel was not content until William Francis became a patrolman Nov. 1, 1959, and fought for the appointment of brother Regis Franklin, who became a bluecoat July 1, 1960.

### In Military Service

Last March 17 the proud "Patrolmen Boyle" led Toledo's St. Patrick's Day parade, which they vowed they'd do each year for the rest of their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyle, 1202 West Delaware Ave., saw all their boys, except the eldest, Michael John, return from wartime military service. Michael, a B29 gunner, was killed near Saipan. Walter saw service in Korea, and the others are veterans of World War II.

The elder Boyles also have three daughters, Mrs. Sheila Jennewine, Mrs. Theresa Eiggensee and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

Walter was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Irish Benevolent Club and St. Ann's Church. With his wife, Charman, he lived at 1388 Glenview Dr. He was a native Toledoan.

The body will be in the Coyle Mortuary, 2475 Collingwood Blvd., after 2 p.m. today. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in St. Ann's Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

is cautious when a husband or wife complains about a spouse, for fear it may be just a domestic squabble. He said the court prefers to have the person complained of arrested, then receive a medical report to use as the basis for possible commitment.

In any event, Mrs. Brothers obtained a warrant for her husband's arrest on the threatening incident yesterday morning from the police prosecutor.

### Shot Youth

Police said Brothers, armed with a pistol, shot David Lanz, 17, of 408 Fourth St., in the abdomen when Lanz and another youth closed in on him as he hid between houses.

Brothers drew a 60-day jail sentence in Municipal Court on the molesting charge. He was indicted by the grand jury on charges of shooting with intent to wound and kill and carrying a concealed weapon.

He pleaded guilty to both indictments and on Nov. 11, 1958, appeared before Judge John W. Hackett and asked that an attorney be appointed for him. This was done, and a week later he appeared with his attorney, withdrew his former pleas and pleaded guilty only to the concealed weapons charge.

On recommendation of the prosecutor, Brothers was ordered committed to Lima State Hospital for psychiatric examination. He was returned to Toledo and came before Judge Geraldine Macelwane Jan. 15, 1959.

Common Pleas Court here had received a report from the Lima State Hospital superintendent which said that Brothers had been observed and examined intensely, received psychiatric and psychological tests and examinations.

### Legally Responsible

The Lima official said Brothers was found neither mentally ill, mentally defective nor a psychopathic offender and was legally responsible.

Judge Macelwane then sentenced Brothers to 1 to 3 years in the Ohio Reformatory on the concealed weapons charge. The shooting charge was dismissed on recommendation of the prosecutor. Brothers was paroled from the reformatory Jan. 13, 1960.

Now 30, Brothers was a laid-off employee of Peters Stamping Co., living with his wife and five children at 619 Elmore St., when his latest problems developed.

His wife, Ruth, said that several days ago Brothers threatened her with a knife and previously had beaten her. Feeling he was emotionally disturbed, she went to Probate Court to seek help for him, she said.

Mrs. Brothers said she first talked with Willis Ludeman, chief deputy, who took her to see Judge Edgar Norris. She said the judge advised her that the quickest way to get medical or psychiatric attention for her husband, was to have him arrested.

### Incident Vague

Judge Norris yesterday denied knowing anything about the incident. Mr. Ludeman said he vaguely recalled a woman complaining about her husband and suggested she have him picked up by police, after which a police physician could examine him to see if a mental condition existed.

Mr. Ludeman said Probate



# 3 Policemen Shot In Battle, Father Of 4 Wounded After Threatening To Kill Family

June 10, 1962

## Officers Use Tear Gas As Man Goes Berserk

### Son Rushes Out Of Home To Warn First Cruiser To Reach Scene

Three policemen were wounded yesterday by a shotgun-wielding man who went berserk and threatened to kill his family of five during an argument in his home. The father was shot and wounded by police as he tried to escape.

The wounded policemen are:

**Patrolman Donald Brown, 32**, of 3536 Golfgate Dr., in critical condition with wounds of the face, head and body.

**Patrolman Frank Hays, 39**, of 2127½ Putnam St., in fairly good condition with wounds of the head, face and legs.

**Patrolman William Boyle, 31**, of 2534 Oak Grove Pl., in serious condition with face and head wounds. He is the brother of Patrolman Walter P. Boyle, who was killed last December in a gun battle with an East Side parolee.

All three officers are in St. Vincent's Hospital.

In Mercy Hospital under police guard is Oliver Nickerson, 52, of 1912 North 14th St., charged with shooting with intent to kill. He received face and shoulder wounds and was in good condition.

#### How It All Started

Members of Nickerson's family and police gave this account of the family argument and ensuing battle:

Nickerson arrived home about 4:30 p.m., after getting off work at 3 p.m. He is a porter at the A&P Bakery, 719 Brown Ave., where he had worked 10 years. He stopped on the way home to drink.

Nickerson went upstairs in the apartment and began beating a son, Oscar, 17. Nickerson's wife, Lucille, 50; a daughter, Luellen, 19, and two other sons, Joe, 27, and Waymon, 22, tried to dissuade the father.

Nickerson again struck Oscar, knocking him unconscious. He also struck Luellen on the face and head. He threatened to kill the entire family, and took a shotgun from his bedroom. Mrs. Nickerson told Waymon to phone police, which he did, using the phone in the

hit a moment later as he crouched behind one of the patrol cars.

A dozen more policemen converged on the scene, guns drawn. Sgt. Ralph Mowka fired a tear gas pellet through a front window of the apartment. Choking from the fumes, Nickerson fled to the back door.

At least six policemen were waiting for him in the back yard. From the back porch, Nickerson aimed his shotgun at Patrolman Roy Maier. As he did, Nickerson was brought down by a shotgun blast fired by Patrolman Richard Dandino.

On the scene, in charge of the police, was Chief Anthony A. Bosch.

Police said Nickerson had no previous police record.

Waymon Nickerson said the family argument started when his father attempted to discipline Oscar for staying out late at night and for associating with a bad crowd of boys.

The daughter, Luellen, was treated in St. Vincent's Hospital for injuries she suffered at her father's hands.

Attendants at St. Vincent's Hospital said a dozen shotgun pellets were imbedded in the wounds suffered by Patrolmen Boyle and Hays. Patrolman Brown was struck by 40 pellets, they said.

Chief Bosch said doctors at the hospital advised him that Patrolman Brown's brain was struck by at least two pellets.

Patrolman Boyle's family was told last night that one pellet had passed through an eye and two had lodged in his brain.

#### First Gun Battle For All 3 Victims

None of the three policemen who were shot had previously been involved in a gun fracas, according to Sgt. Joseph Steel, in charge of the police personnel records.

Patrolman Hays has been a member of the police division the longest. He was appointed Jan. 2, 1950. He is divorced and has one son.

Patrolman Brown was appointed to the force Sept. 16, 1955. His wife's name is Marilyn. They have no children.

Patrolman Boyle joined the force Nov. 1, 1959. He and his wife, Marge, have two children, Kathy, 8, and Michael, 10.

By the time police arrived, all the family, except Nickerson, had left the apartment. Mrs. Nickerson and Luellen took refuge at the Black & White Cab Co., 1902 North 14th. The sons went outside.

#### Warns Police

The first police car on the scene was that of Patrolmen Hays and Boyle. As they stopped across the street from the Nickerson home, Joe Nickerson ran to their car.

Later, Patrolman Boyle said, "That kid (Joe) saved our lives. If he hadn't run up to tell us that his dad was drunk and had a shotgun, he (Nickerson) would have gunned us both down."

While Patrolman Boyle radioed for more help, Patrolman Hays approached the entrance walk of the house. He called to Nickerson to drop the shotgun. Nickerson fired. Patrolman Hays, who was partially protected by a tree, was struck by the blast.

Patrolmen Brown and Kenneth Bennett arrived in another car. Patrolman Brown ran up and fired into the house from behind a parked car. As he did, Nickerson again fired, felling Patrolman Brown. Patrolman Boyle was



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# Discipline Of Son Led To Shooting

**Man Who Wounded  
Policemen Says Boy  
Had Stolen Cherries**

"Don't call the police or I'll  
kill 'em all."

That's what Oliver Nickerson  
said he told his wife, Lucille,  
while whipping his son, Oscar,  
17.

The husky man told her not  
to interfere as he continued to  
discipline the boy for what he  
said was stealing cherries from  
a tree near the Nickerson home  
on North 14th Street.

But Mrs. Nickerson told an-  
other son to place a call to po-  
lice headquarters.

## Began Shooting

When police arrived, Nickerson  
started shooting.

Talking in Mercy Hospital to  
a Blade reporter, Nickerson  
told this story:

He was in the hallway when  
the police car drove up. He had  
his 12-gauge shotgun.

"I fired out the front door as  
they got out," he said. "I don't  
know if I hit anyone. I started  
shooting and just kept shooting,  
I don't know how many times.

"I don't know who shot me,  
but I know it was a policeman  
as they were the only ones  
shooting back."

## Resented Interference

Why did he fire at the police-  
man?

"I don't want you messing  
with my stuff, and I won't mess  
with yours. That's the kind of  
guy I am. I wasn't going to be  
interfered with."

He said he was whipping his  
son for taking the cherries and  
"wasn't raising the boy to be a  
thief. I don't go for that."

# Assailant's Gun Finds Targets

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**Gas Pellet Finally  
Ends Fight**



WILLIAM BOYLE



DONALD BROWN



FRANK HAYS

Wounded policemen



# Crowds Risk Lives To Get 'Front Seat' At Police Battle

## Guns Bark, Sirens Wail, Gas Swirls While Spectators Hamper Officers

It could have been a circus scene but for the blood-stained men, the odor of swirling tear gas, the house at 1912 North 14th St. being peppered by gunfire from police.

Hundreds of spectators, risking their lives for a first-hand view of the exchange of shots that wounded three policemen and an enraged father, raced from car to tree, house to house, exposing themselves and hampering the efforts of police to flush Oliver Nickerson, 52, from his home.

Patrolman Frank Hays, the first to be hit by Nickerson as he approached the house, still lay behind a large tree, refusing to be moved "until we get him."

### Goes Down Fighting

Inside the house, its windows blasted by gunfire, Nickerson staggered to the back door, gun in hand, leveled the weapon at another policeman and was knocked down by a shotgun charge.

Sirens wailed as ambulances sped the injured policemen, each felled by a shot from Nickerson's gun, to St. Vincent's Hospital.

On the front porch of 1916 North 14th, Mrs. Lucille Nickerson sat talking with detectives, tearfully relating the chain of events that began with her husband attempting to discipline a son, Oscar, 17, and ended when Patrolman Richard Dandino fired the shot that felled him.

Sweating policemen, some of them stained with the blood of their fellow officers, ordered curiosity seekers away from the scene as crime laboratory technicians and photographers moved in.

### Crowds Linger

Two hours after the first shot was fired, crowds still lined both sides of the street and

filled the alley and a playground behind the house, talking among themselves, trying vainly to sort out fact from fiction.

An auto, its left front tire flattened by the same blast that critically injured Patrolman Donald Brown, sat across from the vacant house.

Another car owner whose auto bore a gaping hole in the roof, probably the result of a stray shot, shrugged philosophically.

### 5 Police Wounded, 1 Dead In Battles In 2½ Years

In the last 2½ years Toledo police have fought three gun battles with berserk gunmen.

The toll: five policemen wounded and one dead; two gunmen killed and one wounded; one bystander killed and one wounded.

At the scene of yesterday's battle was Patrolman Kenneth Bennett, 31, partner of Donald Brown, 32, who was injured critically.

Patrolman Bennett was wounded Jan. 7, 1960, in a battle at the Indiana Avenue YMCA with Essie Funches, 65, who was killed.

Also wounded were Patrolman Thomas Sass, 43, and two bystanders, one of whom, the Rev. Wade Pinkney, died of his wounds.

Funches, like the killer of Patrolman Walter Boyle, 29, who was shot to death on Dec. 8, 1961, had a history of mental illness.

The killer of Patrolman Boyle was Raymond Brothers, 30, who shot himself to death in the loft of a garage after he was surrounded by police.

Patrolman Boyle, whose brother, William Boyle, 31, who was wounded in yesterday's shooting, had gone to an East Toledo home to serve a warrant on Brothers, and pursued him into a nearby alley.





PATROLMAN BROWN GIVEN FIRST AID AFTER BEING WOUNDED

*C/10/62* Photo shows activity at scene after policeman was felled



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SHOTGUN BLAST STRIKES PATROLMAN HAYS IN LEG

*Policemen assisted from vantage point behind tree*



June 10 1962



—Blade Photo

**POLICE OFFICERS SURROUND FALLEN GUNMAN AT REAR OF HOME**  
*Berserk father was shot by police as he fled tear gas fumes*

## Police Battles

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While the complete details of the shooting were never known, police believe Patrolman Boyle was ambushed while rounding the corner of a house, and felled by a shot in the forehead. Three more bullets were pumped into him while he was on the ground.

Two other Boyle brothers are on the force: Daniel Joseph and Regis Franklin.

Patrolman Boyle was the first policeman to die of gunfire since Detective Lt. John J. McCarthy was shot to death near the Safety Building on Jan. 7, 1947.

Lieutenant McCarthy and two other officers were bringing in three men, including a check forger, Edward G. Monnett.

As the car approached Erie and Jackson streets, Monnett pushed a pistol against Lieutenant McCarthy's head and said: "This is as far as we go. Stop the car or I'll kill all three of you."

In the shooting that followed, Lieutenant McCarthy, Monnett, and another of the suspects were killed.

## Pleads Not Guilty



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**FACING TRIAL** on a charge of first degree murder in the shooting of Patrolman Donald Brown in a gun battle June 9 is Oliver Nickerson, 52, of 1912 14th St., who pleaded not guilty to the charge when arraigned today before Common Pleas Judge Harvey Straub. Attorney William Thomas will represent Nickerson, but no date has been set for the trial. Nickerson stood expressionless in this scene just before he entered the courtroom.



# Toledo Patrolman Dies Of Wounds In Gun Battle

## Brown Succumbs; Murder Warrant Signed For Slayer

Patrolman Donald Brown died today in St. Vincent's Hospital of wounds inflicted Saturday in the exchange of gunfire between police and a berserk gunman.

Struck by 40 pellets from a shotgun, some of which entered his brain area, the 32-year-old patrolman, who lived at 3536 Golfgate Dr., battled for his life more than 60 hours, aided by an automatic breathing device.

The automatic respirator was inserted after the patrolman underwent an emergency tracheotomy (incision of the windpipe) after his breathing slowed.

Two other patrolmen, wounded in the fray outside of the home of the gunman, Oliver Nickerson, 1912 North 14th St., remained in St. Vincent's. Patrolman William Boyle, 2534 Oak Grove Pl., was listed in fair condition, and Patrolman Frank Hays, 2127 1/2 Putnam St., in good condition.

Patrolman Boyle has lost the sight of his right eye as the result of his wounds.

### Murder Warrant Signed

Nickerson, also wounded after he was forced to stagger from the house by tear gas, was confined to Mercy Hospital under police guard. His condition was listed as fair.

Detective Sgt. Andrew Janowski signed a warrant today charging him with first degree murder—the slaying of a policeman in the performance of his duty.

Police said while Nickerson was whipping a son, Oscar, 17, for stealing cherries from a neighbor's tree—the incident that culminated in the gun battle—he warned the rest of his family not to call police, threatening to "kill 'em all."

Municipal Judge Robert V. Franklin, Jr., set June 22 at 9 a.m. for arraignment on the murder charge.

Patrolman Brown was the second policeman to die in the line of duty in six months. Patrolman Walter Boyle, 29, brother of William, was shot and killed last Dec. 8 in East Toledo. His slayer, Raymond Brothers, 30, later shot himself to death in the loft of a garage which had been surrounded by police.



DONALD BROWN

Victim of gunman

### Similar Battle In 1960

The gun battle Saturday recalled a similar shooting outbreak Jan. 7, 1960, at the Indiana Avenue YMCA in which two patrolmen were wounded. They were Patrolmen Thomas Sass, 43, and Kenneth Bennett, 31. Patrolman Bennett, at the scene Saturday, was a scout crew partner of Patrolman Brown.

Previous to the death of Patrolman Walter Boyle, the last Toledo policeman to be slain while on duty was Detective Lt. John J. McCarthy, who lost his life in a gun battle Jan. 7, 1947, outside of the Safety Building.

Patrolman Brown, son of the late Sgt. James F. Brown, assigned to the dispatcher's office, had been a policeman since Sept. 16, 1955. He was a lifelong Toledo resident. A graduate of Waite High School, he was a truck driver for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. before he joined the force.

### Services Thursday

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; his mother, Mrs. Zelma Brown, and brothers, James F., and Robert R., all of Toledo.

The body will be in the Bennett Mortuary, Secor Road, after noon tomorrow. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the mortuary, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. The Fraternal Order of Police will conduct rites at 8 p.m. tomorrow.



—Blade Photo

MEMBERS of the London, Ont., Revolver Club yesterday presented a wreath and read the 23rd Psalm at the grave of Donald Brown, Toledo patrolman who died last Tuesday of gunshot wounds suffered June 9. Charles Wright, left, and Zoltan Varga, pictured here, and Gordeon Matheson, of the London police force, participated in the ceremonies in Woodlawn Cemetery.



# Hospital Gets Bomb Threat Against Accused Police Killer

*June 13, 62*  
Mercy Searched, Entrances Guarded  
Nearly 2 Hours; 3 Anonymous Calls Made

Mercy Hospital was searched and entrances guarded for nearly two hours last night after a bomb threat was made against Oliver Nickerson, accused slayer of a policeman.

Nickerson, under police guard, is confined to the hospital while recovering from wounds suffered in a gun battle with policemen Saturday at his home, 1912 North 14th St.

Patrolman Donald C. Brown, 32, of 3536 Golfgate Dr., one of three officers wounded in the exchange of gunfire, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital. Nickerson has been charged with first degree murder.

The first of three anonymous calls to the hospital was received at 6:10 p.m. by Bertha Path, telephone operator. The male voice warned that if Nickerson were not removed from the fifth floor there would be trouble.

## Second Call

Thirty-five minutes later, the operator received the second call, apparently from the same person, making the threat to place a bomb on the fifth floor.

Police were notified and 12 officers, headed by Capt. Ted Kwiatkowski, chief of the crime laboratory, searched the hospital but found no bomb.

While the check was under way a third call, received by Joyce Koeh, another operator, inquired as to the racial identity of Nickerson. The caller this time was a woman.

Police Lt. William Callanan, after conferring with Sister Eustelle, hospital administrator, posted patrolmen at various entrances to scrutinize visitors. They were removed after visiting hours ended at 9:30.

## FOP Rites Tonight

The two other wounded patrolmen remained in St. Vincent's Hospital. The condition of Patrolman William Boyle was listed as fair and that of Patrolman Frank Hays as good.

Nickerson's condition was described as fair.

The Fraternal Order of Police will conduct rites tonight at 8 for Patrolman Brown in the Bennett Mortuary, Secor Road.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the mortuary, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Modified Armored Car Proposed For Police

Development of a modified armored police car to protect policemen in gun battles was proposed today by Councilman Howard Cook.

Mr. Cook said police departments in Detroit and, perhaps other cities have developed such vehicles for use in situations such as the one last Saturday, where a berserk gunman killed one policeman and wounded two others as they were answering a disturbance call.

Also, the councilman said, it might be advisable to purchase portable loudspeakers so police command officers could direct their men, keep crowds back and make psychological appeals to desperadoes.

He asked the city manager to investigate the advisability of utilizing these two devices.

# 500 Attend Funeral Services For Patrolman Slain In Battle

*June 14, 62*  
200 Fellow Officers March In Procession;  
City Leaders, Other Police Units Present

Nearly 500 persons, including more than 200 policemen, attended funeral services this morning for Patrolman Donald Brown, who died Tuesday from wounds suffered in a gun battle.

Services for the 32-year-old officer, the 26th Toledo policeman to be killed in the line of duty, were conducted in the Bennett Mortuary, Secor Road, by the Rev. H. E. Braun, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Frank Musgrave, police chaplain and pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Patrolman Brown, who lived at 3536 Golfgate Dr., was struck by 40 pellets from a shotgun fired by Oliver Nickerson, 32, of 1912 North 14th St., after police were called Saturday to quell a family disturbance at the Nickerson home.

## 200 Officers March

Headed by Police Chief Anthony A. Bosch and Captain Nelson Moss, Patrolman

Brown's commanding officer, 200 police officers marched at the head of the funeral procession from the mortuary to Central Avenue and Middlesex Drive, where they disbanded and rode in busses at the head of the funeral cortege to Woodlawn Cemetery. There they regrouped at graveside.

Attending the services were contingents from the Ohio state highway patrol, Michigan state police, Ottawa Hills police department, Lucas County sheriff's office and members of the 112th Air Force Police.

## Officials Present

Also present were City Manager Backstrom, Mayor Potter, Vice Mayor Walinski, John Manton, safety director; several members of council and other public officials.

Members of Patrolman Brown's 1955 police academy graduating class served as pallbearers. They were officers Thomas Brandon, Fred Freer, Robert Spencer, Harry Broadway, Harold Patterson and Walter Zale.

The slain policeman is survived by his wife, Marilyn; mother, Mrs. Zelma Brown, and brothers, James F., Jr., and Robert R., all of Toledo.

## Hays' Condition Good; Boyle Leaves Hospital

Patrolmen Frank Hays, 39, of 2127½ Putnam St., and William Boyle, 31, of 2534 Oak Grove Pl., also injured by blasts from Nickerson's gun, were unable to attend the services.

Officer Hays was still confined in St. Vincent's Hospital in fairly good condition with head wounds. Patrolman Boyle, who lost the sight of his right eye as a result of his wounds, was discharged from St. Vincent's today.

Nickerson still is in Mercy Hospital under police guard. He was shot down after being routed from his home by tear gas. His condition was fair. A first-degree murder charge has been filed against him.



Shackled

# 2 Police Chained To Tree; 3 Suspects Seized In Duel

## Wild Gunfire Marks Chase Through Lima Prior To Surrender

## Police Chained

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The second man then arose from the back seat and held a revolver on him, warning: "Stand right where you are."

Disarming Patrolman Hood and destroying his means of communications, the two men and woman sped south toward Bowling Green.

The suspects were spotted about 2:30 a.m. by two Lima patrolmen, Eugene Foster and William Williams, who followed them into Lima and radioed two other patrol cars fair aid.

The suspects saw the patrol cars and raced through town and west on U.S. 30-South, firing wildly at their pursuers.

As the police cars closed in, the suspects swerved into the farmyard.

Lima police said there was an exchange of gunfire after the car hit the tree and then the suspects surrendered. The only injury was to the woman, who was cut by broken glass and was treated in Memorial Hospital, Lima.

Lima police filed charges of shooting with intent to kill against them, then turned the three over to Toledo police.

Meanwhile, Perrysburg police are checking with authorities on the possibility of bringing federal charges for the destruction of their police-car radio.

Two men and a woman, heavily armed, disarmed two Toledo patrolmen last night, handcuffed them to a tree and then escaped in the officers' scout car. Three suspects were captured early today by Lima police after a running gun battle.

They were seized five miles west of Lima after their car swerved into a farmyard and crashed into a tree.

No one was hurt in the exchange of gunfire, although the police car that led the pursuit was hit four times in the windshield and the other two patrol cars were also struck by bullets.

When taken to Lima jail, the men identified themselves as Tony Condry, 33, both of Sacramento, Calif. The woman was identified as Ann Lore, 30, by a prescription she carried. She was held in Allen County jail.

Police expressed doubt that the suspects gave their correct names and addresses, saying the trio were uncooperative and carried a variety of identifications.

Tony later indicated he was a half-brother of Billie Dean and that his last name was Lore.

### 6-County Alert

A six-county alert in northwestern Ohio was sounded at 10:30 last night when the two Toledo policemen, Norman Grodi and George Thabit, made a routine check of what they described as a suspicious car at Heather Downs Boulevard and Cass Road.

While Patrolman Thabit was talking to the woman driver, his partner walked around to the other side, and the two men in the car pulled revolvers.

Police Chief Anthony Bosch said Patrolman Thabit drew his revolver and held it on the woman, but surrendered it when the two men threatened to kill Patrolman Grodi.

After an unsuccessful attempt to lock the two officers in the trunk of their scout car, they handcuffed them to a tree. The officers freed themselves moments later with a set of keys that their captors overlooked and sounded an alarm.

### Scout Car Found

The police car in which the trio fled was found early today in a weeded area near Eastgate road, north of the Ohio Turnpike.

Half an hour after they handcuffed the patrolmen, the trio turned up in Perrysburg in another car and were stopped by Patrolman Malcolm Hood at U.S. 20 and Indiana Avenue.

The patrolman said a man and woman were in the front seat. When he ordered them out for questioning, the man asked:

"Is there something wrong with my wife?"



NORMAN GRODI



GEORGE THABIT

TWO Toledo policemen who were disarmed and handcuffed to a tree last night by two men and a woman, armed with revolvers. Three suspects, who also are suspected of disarming a Perrysburg patrolman, were captured early today by Lima police following a running gun battle. (Story on Page 1.)

June 16, 1963



# 3 Who Disarmed Police Indicted

## Armed Robbery, Auto Theft Charged

Indictments charging armed robbery and auto theft were returned by the Lucas County grand jury today against a trio who held up and disarmed two Toledo and a Perrysburg policemen June 16. The two men and a woman later were captured by Lima police.

Indicted were Anthony Brill, 34, and his wife, Dorothy Mae, 28, both of San Jose, Calif., and Billy Dean Condrey, 23, Sacramento, Calif.

The grand jurors rejected a third charge of kidnaping, according to Robert Kopf, assistant prosecutor.

The three disarmed Toledo Patrolmen Norman Grodi and George Thabit, handcuffed them to a tree and drove away in their police cruiser, which later was abandoned.

A short time afterward, Malcolm Hood, Perrysburg, was disarmed and the radio in his police car was smashed.

The three were captured by Lima police after a running gun battle which ended when the bandits' car hit a tree east of the city. Three Lima police cars were hit by bullets in the chase.



## 2 Sentenced In Police Disarming

### Couple Get Long Terms; Third Asks Probation Report

Two members of a trio convicted of robbery and auto theft while disarming three policemen were sentenced to prison yesterday by Common Pleas Court Judge Harvey Straub.

Anthony Brill, 34, will serve concurrent sentences in Ohio Penitentiary of 10-25 years for armed robbery and 1-20 years for auto theft. His wife, Dorothy Mae, 28, was sentenced to the Reformatory at Marysville for 1-25 years for unarmed robbery and 1-20 for auto theft.

The Brills, San Jose, Calif., waived their right to ask for a new trial and also for referral to the Lucas County Adult Probation Department for pre-sentence investigation.

They and Billy Dean Condrey, 23, Sacramento, Calif., were found guilty by a jury last Wednesday. Condrey, who was convicted on charges of armed robbery and auto theft, asked to be referred to the probation department yesterday. Judge Straub complied.

The judge added that all three defendants are wanted as parole violators. Therefore, if they are granted parole or probation here, they would face prison in California.

On June 16, the three disarmed Patrolmen Norman Grodi and George Thabit, handcuffed them to a tree and drove off in their police car. Later they disarmed Malcolm Hood, Perrysburg policeman, and smashed the radio in his cruiser. They were captured after a running battle with Lima police.

## Western States Seek 3 Held In Police Kidnaping

### Trio Plead Innocent To City Charges; Wanted For Robberies, Parole Violation

Three Californians who handcuffed two Toledo patrolmen to a tree and took their scout car are wanted in the West on several charges, police have learned.

They were captured yesterday near Lima and are held on charges of kidnaping, armed robbery and auto theft.

They are Anthony Brill, 34, alias Anthony Condry; his wife, Dorothy, 28, both of San Jose, and Billy Dean Condry, 23, Sacramento.

They pleaded innocent today before Municipal Judge Frank Wiley and were bound over to the Lucas County grand jury. They are being held in county jail on \$15,000 bond each.

#### Sought In Robberies

Detective Sgt. Eugene Louy said Brill and his wife are wanted in California as parole violators. The two men are sought by Dallas, Tex., police in two supermarket robberies and by Colorado Springs, Colo., police for a \$6,000 robbery.

The charges here stem from an incident Sunday night in which Patrolmen Norman Grodi and George Thabit spotted the trio in South Toledo in a car with only one Kentucky license plate.

The patrolmen were disarmed by the two men and were handcuffed to a tree at Heather Downs Boulevard and Cass Road after an attempt to lock the officers in the trunk of their car failed.

#### Car Abandoned

The scout car later was found abandoned near Eastgate Road, north of the Ohio Turnpike, and the three were stopped in Perrysburg by Patrolman Malcolm Hood, who also was disarmed.

Lima police spotted the fleeing car and three patrol cars gave chase. In the running gun battle the pursuing cruisers all were struck by bullets.

The trio was captured when their car swerved into a farmyard and crashed into a tree. Lima police filed charges of shooting with intent to kill.



# The Empty Holster

June 15 '63



—Associated Press Wirephoto

STANLEY SYPECK IS REARMED FOR SEARCH FOR TRIO

State trooper lost gun in Pennsylvania pike battle

## Two Troopers Shot In Battle

### Two Others Bound To Tree; Trio Caught

EPHRATA, Pa., June 15 (AP)—Two state policemen were shot and wounded and two others were captured and handcuffed to a tree for a brief period yesterday by three men who had been stopped on the Pennsylvania Turnpike for a radar speed check.

The three, all from Milwaukee, were arrested by police several hours later, after being run down by bloodhounds and helicopters. State Police Commissioner E. Wilson Purdy directed some 100 men in the hunt.

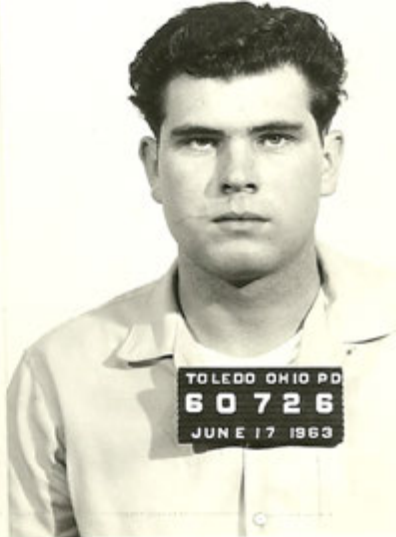
The three, Gerald L. Sarson, 17, Howard E. Langnes, 24, and James Eugene Szulczekski, 21, were arrested and charged with assault with intent to kill, pointing a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault and battery against a police officer.

The wounded troopers are Edward Herbst, 35, of Reamstown, Pa., and Fred W. Bendl, 22, of Nazareth, Pa. Officer Herbst was shot in the face and neck and was reported in serious condition at Ephrata General Hospital. Officer Bendl, who was shot in the leg, was reported in satisfactory condition.

Troopers Robert Malarky and Stanley Sypeck, who had been handcuffed to a tree with their own handcuffs, freed themselves just as the gunfight broke out. They were not hurt.

The Wisconsin men shot at the troopers because they were in a car stolen from a Wisconsin resident and feared that they were going to be picked up for other crimes committed in Milwaukee.

















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FLIEGER-Gerard Harry,  
DOB-12-13-43, Brown Hair  
Hazel Eyes, 5'7", 140#  
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PALLISTER-Marvin J.,  
DOB-7-27-37, Brown Hair,  
Hazel Eyes, 5'9", 180#  
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KRUGMAN-Dorothy Joyce,  
DOB-6-22-36, Auburn Hair  
Brown Eyes, 5'5½", 120#  
C-64310 4-24-1963



























# Bancroft Street Scene Of Action During Gun Fight



**BABY CARRIED TO SAFETY IN GUN BATTLE**

*Ronnie Carpenter holds child affected by tear gas*



—Blade Photos

**EAST BANCROFT DUPLEX SCENE OF SHOOTING**

*Tear gas shell (circled) hits post as it misses mark*

## Man Shoots Two Of Kin; Slain By Police In Battle

**Wife, Her Aunt Hurt, Children Spared  
By Reliever In Bancroft St. Gun Fight**

A 26-year-old man who said in April that he would "never be taken alive by police" if cornered, carried out his threat yesterday on the second floor of a duplex at 1037 1/2 East Bancroft St.

Fred Dunahoo died after he was struck by three blasts from a policeman's shotgun after holding officers at bay more than 30 minutes.

Dunahoo, a relief recipient and father of two, was free on \$1,000 bond after a grand jury indictment charged him with the April burglary of Mel's Battery Shop, 840 West Central Ave.

The man started yesterday's drama, staged with the temperature in the 90s, by shooting his wife's aunt, Mrs. Violet M. Buchan, 40, of 922 Yates St., and his 20-year-old wife, Nancy.

### Bullet Near Eye

The wife was treated for scalp wounds in St. Vincent's Hospital. The aunt was admitted to the hospital with a bullet wound near her eye.

Thomas Sneed, who was best man at the Dunahoos' wedding, was two doors from the shooting scene yesterday visiting his aunt at 1101 East Bancroft.



and John Belman, were the first on the scene. Patrolman Jasinski started toward the house where Mrs. Buchan had taken refuge, then learned Dunahoo was in the nearby apartment.

The officer said Dunahoo fired two shots as he and his partner approached and that he responded with two blasts from his shotgun.

After he learned that the woman and children were still in the apartment, Patrolman Jasinski talked to Dunahoo for several minutes, asking him to release the woman and children.

He quoted Dunahoo as saying he would let them go if the officers would "shoot it out" with him.

Patrolman Jasinski said he agreed and the woman and children were released. It was a strange bargain, the officer said, but it obtained the release of the mother and children.

Police at the front of the house crouched behind cars to return Dunahoo's fire. Tear gas canisters were lobbed at the upstairs apartment. Billows of the white gas filled the house and mushroomed out doors and windows.

Police urged Dunahoo to give himself up, but there was no reply, except for three shots from Dunahoo's pistol from a window. Police continued to return the fire.

#### **'Come And Get Me'**

At the same time, three officers had made their way to the kitchen of the apartment. They were Patrolmen Warren, Dick and Arnold Grimes, and Detective Patrolman Joseph Carnes.

The officers fired one shot through the closed door after the man called to them: "Come and get me."

Dunahoo dashed from the room and fired once at the officers. Patrolman Dick fired the shotgun three times, dropping Dunahoo.

Dunahoo had set a mattress on fire in the apartment. The blaze was put out by firemen after the shooting ended.

Capt. Robert Duck of the homicide squad said several cheap books, homicide and crime fiction, were found in the apartment.

#### **Described As Drinker**

He said Dunahoo was confined in the workhouse in April on a traffic offense. At that time the man told Sgt. Fred Shea: "I'll never be taken alive if the police get the goods on me."

Mr. Sneed, of 5577 308th St., said he was best man at the Dunahoo wedding because of a friendship with Mrs. Dunahoo's sister.

He described Dunahoo as a man who drank heavily, refused to work and had been on relief since his marriage.

He said Mrs. Buchan came to his aunt's house, bleeding from the eye, and told her that Dunahoo had come home and threatened to kill his wife and two children.

Mrs. Buchan said she grabbed the two children, Blanche, 18 months, and Fred, Jr., 3, and attempted to leave the apartment, but Dunahoo shot her.

#### **3 Released In Bargain**

The aunt then fled to where Mr. Sneed was staying and police were called. At the height of the action between 20 and 25 officers were on the scene.

Patrolmen Walter Jasinski



**FRED DUNAHOO**

*Killed in gun battle*



**PATROLMAN DICK**

*His shot felled gunman*



# Ban On Night Football Backed By School Board After Violence In Streets

*Fri Sept 26 63*  
**37 Arrests In Incidents Following  
Scott-Woodward Game Prompt  
Demands For Daytime Schedule**

School and city officials said yesterday they plan to call a halt to night high school football in Toledo.

The move to ban night football followed a series of disturbances and incidents during and after Friday night's Scott-Woodward game at Scott Stadium.

Incidents occurred in the vicinity of Scott High within a 2½-hour period, and involved large groups of students from several schools, according to police and Juvenile Court authorities. Four policemen were injured quelling fights. Thirty-seven persons were arrested.

Dr. Morton Goldberg, president of the board of education, who spearheaded a drive last year to end night football, said the night game ban will be discussed at the regular board meeting tomorrow.

## He's For Ban

He said Friday night's incidents reinforced his belief that games should be played in the daytime and added that "if it can be accomplished this year, I am for it."

He was joined by all others on the five-member board. All expressed concern over reports on happenings Friday night and all said "quick action" must be taken to prevent a recurrence.

David Rittenhouse, board member, who previously championed night football, said that after examining police and Juvenile Court records, he concluded no further night football games should be played until racial tension in the community has eased.

"I've been against giving up night football," he added, "but I have now come to the conclusion it is a matter of public and police safety. Until it no longer becomes dangerous

to have students congregating at night, we should give up night football."

William N. Thomas, another board member, who attended Friday night's game but did not witness any of the incidents, said the situation can't be studied. The board, he contended, must act to cope with crowds and lawlessness that come with the cover of dark.

"I favor doing away with night football now," he added, "with reconsideration at a future date when the situation changes. We must move quickly."

Mrs. Carol Pietrykowski, a board member, who said she long has favored board action to ban night football, stated it is the board's duty to see that children are educated, not to open for them fighting arenas on Friday nights.

She said something should be done this year before the situation worsens.

## Sees No Alternative

"I thought the school administrators would give students stern warnings that a ban would be ordered if there were any more incidents," she remarked. "Perhaps they did and the students didn't take their advice."

J. Arch Anderson, another board member, said it appeared to him there is no alternative but to ban night football because it is a situation where crowds gather, and as such, opens the door to incidents. He said he was very much concerned with public safety and law enforcement.

One school administrator said he also favors ending night football. Richard Langstaff, Scott principal, predicted that following Friday's disturbances many parents will not allow their children to attend games, and persons who do attend will not enjoy themselves because of fear of violence.

## Dunsmore Silent

Mr. Langstaff said attempts have been made to control crowds at games through assignment of extra police and instilling a sense of sportsmanship among Scott students. But, he said, the attempts have failed.

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# Ban On Night Football Planned

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"As a former high school principal, I always hold my breath at these games," he added.

He said he would not comment further until he confers with Mr. Dunsmore and school principals.

Mayor Potter said he will meet with representatives of the youth committee of the Negro Federated Council at 3 p.m. today in the Midwestern Golf Club, Nebraska Avenue, to discuss the football situation.

The mayor said he also favors an immediate cessation of night football games and that the situation does not permit any delay for "a testing program."

Mr. Potter said racial tension here has been fomented by the situation in Birmingham, Ala., and that night football should not be restarted until tension has lessened. The mayor also noted that he opposes singling out Scott for daytime football while other schools are allowed to continue night games.

"It ought to cover all schools and go into effect at once," the mayor commented.

## Problem For 20 Years

Police Chief Anthony Bosch said night football games have been a problem here for 20 years, although football has been played in Toledo at night periodically longer than that. "I've been against night football from the beginning, and I'm afraid it took other people 20 years to get around to the same thinking," he emphasized.

G. Nelson Smith, executive director of the Board of Community Relations, also saw a connection between the local incidents and what he described as the "explosive racial climate in the country."

Mr. Smith said he and Burt Silverman, BCR chairman, both felt that Friday night's incidents could have led to much uglier situations but for the restraint shown by the police division and Negro neighborhood residents.

"The police used more than the proper restraint," he added.

## Inadequate Supervision

Mr. Smith said he and Mr. Silverman favor an immediate end to night football in view of the fact that adult and police supervision is inadequate to handle the youngsters attending the games.

"The games should return

to Saturday afternoon," Mr. Smith observed. "Kids can't do in the daylight what they do in the dark."

Mr. Smith noted that the Negro Federated Council met last month with Safety Director Allen Andrews and Chief Bosch to request that additional police be placed on duty at night games but were informed that no additional members of the force could be spared.

The BCR director also explained that the youth committee of the Negro Federated Council has anticipated trouble at the games and has started a booster club at Scott to encourage the youngsters to behave well. More than 70 adults attended the last meeting of the club, he said.

A total of 33 boys, two girls and two adults were arrested in 15 incidents during and after the Scott-Woodward game.

Of the youngsters, aged 13 to 17, a total of 15 attend Scott, 7 go to Woodward, 3 attend Libbey, 2 go to Stewart Elementary School and two to Robinson Elementary and 1 each are enrolled at Central Catholic High, Maumee High and Macomber Vocational High and Whitney Vocational High School. Two do not attend school.

Police stationed extra men in the Old West End last night after a detective heard a rumor during the afternoon that trouble could be expected at the night football game.

At the Whitmer-Start High Schools game at Whitmer, minor disturbances were reported by sheriff's deputies in and around the stadium but no arrests were made. No trouble was reported at the Libbey-DeVilbiss High Schools game or the Waite-Central Catholic game.

The most serious of the Scott incidents occurred at 9:50 p.m. at Collingwood Boulevard and Ashland Avenue when Patrolmen Gerald Miller and Francis Smitley waded into a crowd of about 1,000 youngsters to stop a fight between two boys.

A 16-year-old Scott freshman punched Patrolman Miller in the face. In the ensuing scuffle, he, Patrolman Smitley and two other officers who came to their aid, were injured in the melee and all four had to be treated in Mercy Hospital. Police arrested 16 boys, including 9 Scott boys and 4 from Woodward.

The other incidents, in chronological order, were:

► 8 p.m., at Collingwood and Winthrop Street—Jose Suarez, 14, 527 Acklin St., was attacked by five boys who demanded he give them 25 cents. He was knocked to the ground and kicked. No arrests were made.

► 8:10 p.m., in 400 block of Winthrop—a 16-year-old Scott youth and a 17-year-old Macomber student were attacked by two 17-year-old youths. Both were arrested.

► 8:30 p.m., in the 500 block of Machen Street—Leburn Abbott, 15, of 2463 Franklin Ave., was attacked by several boys. Six were arrested including two attending Libbey, two from Robinson Elementary and one from Stewart. The sixth does not attend school.

► 8:40 p.m., in the Scott Stadium—a 16-year-old youth was arrested for causing a disturbance and being under the influence of liquor.

► 9 p.m., in 2300 block of Collingwood—about 40 boys beat two teen-age brothers, Glen and Donald Richardson, both of 1307 Paxton St., on the head and face. Glen was treated in St. Louis Hospital.

► 9:25 p.m., in front of the State Theater on Collingwood—a 17-year-old Woodward boy was punching passers-by and attempting to embroil them in a fight. He was among those arrested later in the Collingwood-Ashland disturbance.

► 9:30 p.m. at Scott Stadium exit—John Scarsbrook, 17, of 830 Woodland Ave., saw four boys fighting and was stabbed in the hand by one of them. He was treated in Mercy Hospital.

► 9:30 p.m. at Collingwood and Winthrop—a 17-year-old youth attempted to incite a group of 200 juveniles into starting a riot. Police had to handcuff him after he attempted to disarm Patrolman Norman Grodi and he tore the shirt and trousers of Patrolman Marvin Reams.

► 9:35 p.m. at Collingwood and Acklin Avenue—police tried to disperse a large group of youngsters. They arrested four boys and

two girls who used abusive language.

► 9:35 p.m. in 2200 block of Collingwood—police arrested two brothers, Calvin and Curtis Jones, 29 and 28, both of 1819 Forest Ave., who were with two 15-year-old boys who threw a sign against the side of a car. Both adults drew \$10 fines and costs yesterday in Municipal Court.

► 10:10 p.m. at Monroe Street and Lawrence Avenue—Harold Lyman, 15, of 2350 Kress St., was attacked by three boys, one swinging a cooking pan. One 14-year-old boy was arrested.

► 10:15 p.m. at 401 West Bancroft St.—one of a large group of boys kicked in the glass of the front door at home of Richard Beck.

► 10:20 p.m. at 208 Floyd St.—one of large group of boys broke window in the home of Nellie Smith.

A total of 27 youths were taken to Child Study Institute Friday night. Cases against three boys and two girls were dismissed and eight other youngsters were released in the custody of their parents pending further investigation. All were placed under a dark curfew and parents were required to sign liability bonds.

Eight juveniles who played major roles in the Collingwood-Ashland fracas or were involved in other serious incidents were ordered held in CSI after hearing before L. Wallace Hoffman, juvenile court director, or other officials.

## Board Voted Partial Ban 10 Months Ago

Ten months ago, the school board voted unanimously to eliminate some Friday night football games this season.

Their action last November stemmed from disturbances after a Friday night game at Scott Stadium between Scott and DeVilbiss in which several DeVilbiss students were beaten.

Mr. Dunsmore said then he interpreted the board's action as a directive to take the first steps to eliminate Friday night football.

As a result of the board's directive, six daytime games were scheduled this year. The first was yesterday at Libbey Stadium between Bowsher and Macomber, played before an estimated 1,900 spectators.

Other day games will be Central and Scott, Oct. 5; Start and Waite, Oct. 19; Macomber and Scott, Oct. 24; St. Francis and Central, Oct. 27, and St. Francis and Libbey, Nov. 9.

In addition there will be a twin game Friday night at Waite Stadium starting at 6:15 p.m. Macomber and St. Francis play the first game and Scott and Waite will play the second.



# Burned Bodies Of Teen Couple Found In Lovers' Lane; Murder Suspected

## Believed Victims



EDWARD MITCHELL  
Church worker



MARY CALDWELL  
Rogers senior

## Girl's Skull Fractured, Boy Shot 4 Times

The charred bodies of a youth and a girl, believed to have been the victims of a double murder, were found yesterday in a burned-out automobile in a desolate Springfield Township lovers' lane.

The bodies are believed to be those of Mary Caldwell, 17, of 5165 South Willcrest Dr., a senior at Rogers High School in Adams Township, and her boyfriend, Edward Lee Mitchell, 18, of Box 102, Henry County Road, Liberty Center, O.

Dr. Harry Mignerey, coroner, said an autopsy being performed by Dr. Bernhard Steinberg, Toledo Hospital pathologist, has definitely established that the girl's skull was fractured and the boy was shot at least four times in the chest.

### 3 Bullets In Body

Three bullets, believed to be of either 32 or 38-caliber, were found in the boy's body by X-ray, Dr. Mignerey said. One bullet lodged in the spine and the other two in the same region, the autopsy disclosed.

Three young men found the bodies in the back of the car that had been driven into a sand pit in a wooded area off the northeast corner of Centennial and Angola Roads.

Dr. Mignerey said dental charts were submitted by dentists of Miss Caldwell and young Mitchell in an effort to make positive identification.

Parents of the girl and her sweetheart gave clues to Dewey Cecil and Joseph Schneider, sheriff's deputies, that tended to confirm the tentative identifications. The license plate on the 1961 automobile in which the victims were found was registered in the name of Mrs. Iva Rumsey, mother of Edward.

## Not Reported Missing

Edward, who was assistant superintendent of Liberty Center Seventh Day Adventist Church Sabbath school, picked up Mary, a part-time department store clerk, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday to attend a drive-in movie. Neither of the teen-agers' parents reported them missing, believing they were overnight guests in each other's home.

The bodies were found by Roger Lee Drewes, 21, of 4342 Birch Tree Dr.; Edward Lee Redd, 22, of 4305 Birchall Rd., and Gary M. Ruppel, 21, of 3844 Wallwerth Ave. They said they were setting up bottles for target practice in the sandy and wooded area a half mile behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Gilsdorf, 2060 Angola. They saw a wisp of smoke coming from what appeared to be a stripped to, seemingly imbedded in sand dune several hundred feet away.

## Call Sheriff's Office

As they moved closer to the scene, they saw what appeared to be the charred body of a male on the rear floor of the auto and that of a female on the rear seat.

They ran to the Gilsdorf home and called Sgt. William Sloan, dispatcher in the sheriff's office. This was shortly before 3 p.m.

Deputies Schneider and Cecil arrived at the scene within minutes, but it was more than three hours later before any sort of identification was made.

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## 2 Charred Bodies Found

## Three Made Grim Discovery

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The deputies said the car was headed north and appeared to have been shoved into the sand dune. Alongside the left rear fender were the vehicle's four wheel covers and a four-foot length of garden hose. Officers believed that the hose had been used to siphon gasoline from the car's tank.

The gasoline tank cap was found next to the wheel covers. Deputies said fingerprints were found on the wheel covers.

Later, Mrs. Rumsey told the officers that shortly after the car was purchased in April, Edward removed the wheel covers and kept them in the trunk.

Deputies Schneider and Cecil said investigation disclosed that the covers had been filled with gasoline by means of the hose and then the fluid was splashed into the interior of the car.

The heat from the fire had been so intense that the tail light lenses had popped out of their rims and were lying on the ground at the rear of the car.

A set of keys with a belt loop, which Mrs. Rumsey identified as her son's also was found on the ground behind the car, directly beneath the trunk. Part of the trunk lock was on the key.

No part of the car's upholstery or the victims' clothing was left unburned. Although fire wardens have been keeping a vigil in the area because of the dry spell, no one reported seeing the fire, the deputies said. Mr. and Mrs. Gilsdorf said they were away from home until after 11 p.m. Saturday.

### Bloody Trail Traced

Retracing a trail, which appeared to have been made by a body being dragged, the deputies found blood splashes to a point 390 feet southwest of the charred auto. A man's footprint was seen along the bloody trail.

Here deputies said they saw evidence that a struggle had taken place and two large stains of blood, which penetrated several inches into the sandy soil, were found beside

a fallen tree. Thirty feet away was a green and white striped sweater, identified by Mrs. Rumsey as the same color as one her son had purchased.

More footprints were nearby.

Deputies concluded that the Mary and Edward had been surprised in the auto and somehow the youth got out of the car and fought his assailant or assailants. No woman's footprints were found either outside of the auto or at the scene of the struggle.

Deputies Schneider and Cecil said they believed that after Edward was subdued he was dragged back to the car.

### License Check

Mrs. Rumsey was located after the license check by Sheriff Fred Bartels, Napoleon, and then drove 35 miles to Toledo with her husband, Carl. An hour later, Mrs. Lillian Caldwell, Mary's mother, was found in the home of a West Toledo relative.

Deputies said they learned the following from the two mothers:

Edward and Mary have been dating since their first meeting in early July with most of their dates confined to weekends because of Edward's job in the shipping department of the Campbell Soup Co., Napoleon, and Mary's employment an after-school job at the J. C. Penney Store, Southland Shopping Center.

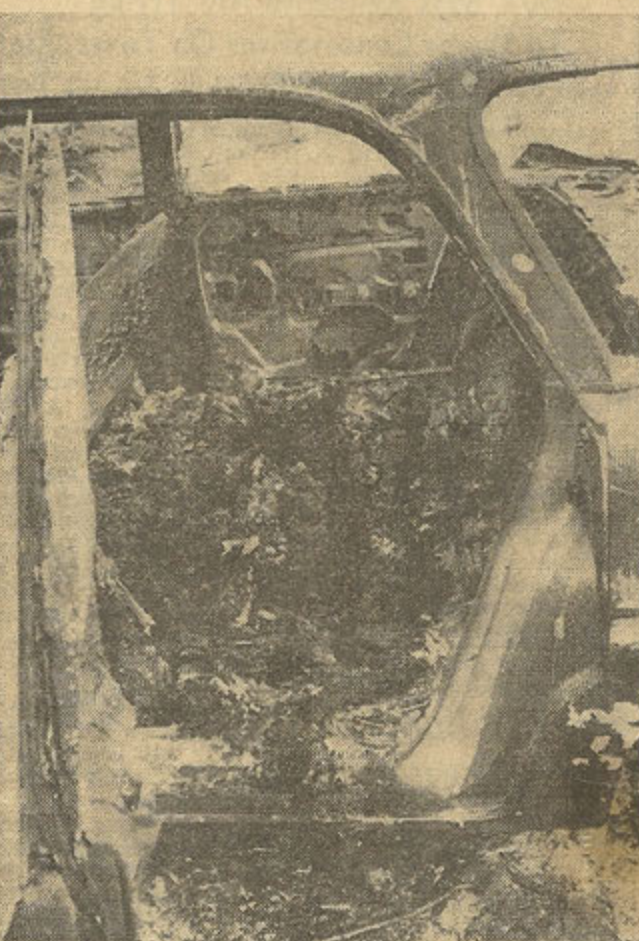
Mrs. Rumsey said her son left home shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday and indicated he was going to Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey thought he might be going to the home of Mrs. Rumsey's daughter, Mrs. Betty Rumsey, 1146 South Crissey Rd., Holland, to help a boarder, Robert Ivey, 25, with repairs on the latter's auto. They also considered he might see Mary.

### Going To Drive In

Mrs. Caldwell, a widow and mother of Toledo Patrolman Charles Caldwell, said Edward came to her home about 7:15 p.m., and the couple said they were going to the Jesse James Drive In Theater, Reynolds Road and South Avenue. They tried to induce Mary's sister, Margaret, 14, a McTigue Junior High School student, to accompany them.



YOUNG MEN WHO FOUND THE BURNED BODIES TELL THEIR ST  
From left, Deputy Lyle Bernhagen, Mr. Drewes, Mr. Ruppel and Mr.



CHARRED REAR SEAT OF THE DEATH CAR  
Siphon hose and gasoline tank cap discovered nearby



So far deputies have been unable to locate anyone who saw the victims alive after they left the Caldwell home.

Harold Rumsey, Jr., 16, of 2928 Davidson Dr., a cousin of Edward, said on several occasions Edward and Mary had frequented the lonely area, which the officers described as a popular parking place for romance.

The wooded and sand-duned area is reached by several winding lanes from Centennial, Angola or King Road. Deputies said they also have been patrolling the wasteland, because it has been a favorite dumping spot for auto thieves and car strippers.

#### Glass Splinters Found

On reaching the county jail the deputies found auto glass splinters in the sleeve cuff of the sweater, leading them to believe that the struggle possibly began in or near the auto. The officers said the left rear door of the car was standing open when it was discovered, but they were unable to ascertain if any of the windows or windshield had been broken before the fire.

Mrs. Caldwell said her husband, Wallace, died six years ago, shortly after her son was appointed a policeman.

Mary was born in Toledo.

#### Brother Killed In Blast

Edward's brother, James, was killed two years ago in the explosion of the Maumee Chemical Co. His sister, Betty, is married to a younger brother of his stepfather. His father, Elmer Mitchell, lives at 325 Sophia St., Maumee, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, and George Wagoner, live in Delta.

Edward, born in Monclova, was graduated from his church's Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, O. He specialized in auto mechanics and electronics. He recently organized a "sunshine band," which planned to entertain shut-ins at various institutions in Henry and Lucas Counties near Liberty Center.



—Blade Photos

#### GREEN AND WHITE SWEATER FOUND NEAR THE CAR

Deputies Cecil, left, and Schneider exhibit garment



# 13 CLEVELAND POLICE SHOT,

One newsman called the apartment house where the snipers were firing and a woman, crying, said: "Lay him down, lay him down on the floor." The woman said they could not get out of the apartment house.

Police chief Michael Blackwell rushed to a meeting with Mayor Stokes.

In Columbus, John McElroy, aid to Governor Rhodes, said Tuesday night the governor has ordered all Ohio National Guardsmen to report to their armories.

Mr. McElroy said the guardsmen were being summoned "in case anything more happens."

Witnesses said the shooting started when five men opened fire on a passing police task force car at Beulah Avenue and Lakeview Road.

The car, riddled with bullets, backed off and called for help.

Police surrounded the building and took what cover they could. To stay in darkness, police also shot out the headlights of a car that pulled out of a nearby driveway.

The three dead policemen were tentatively identified as Louis Glonka, patrolman Willard Wolf, and Lt. LeRoy Jones.

## Area Fire Breaks Out

Two of the wounded officers were identified as William McMillan, 35, and Richard Hart, 33.

Police said shouts came from inside the apartment house: "We'll shoot anything white."

Police said a fire broke out in the area at East 125th and Superior Avenue. A few blocks north of the shooting. The fire department was called and a policeman said "You better send an escort with them."

There were reports of snipers firing at firemen.

## Area Blocked Off

The area was blocked off. Police started shooting out streetlights. "We're sitting ducks down here," one policeman yelled.

Police identified the weapons used on them as M-1 carbines.

Two of the five men police said started the shooting were hit by return gunfire on the front porch of the apartment at 1334 Lakeview Avenue.

"We need an armored vehicle down here," a policeman yelled into the radio. Officers called for heavier weapons—high powered rifles, tear gas, and protective shields.

"Get some high-powered stuff . . ." an officer said.

"They're out in the open . . . if it's necessary to get the national guard out here let's get them!" another police call said.

The area of the shooting is not near the Negro Hough area, where the city underwent four days of racial disturbances in the summer of 1966.

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It was three hours after the shooting started before police, with help from a Brinks armored car, reported they had gone through the building and "we apparently have all the injured and dead out."

## Two Bodies Found

Two bodies were found in the building. They were not immediately identified. A third civilian victim was identified only as a Negro.

Hospital sources reported at least two other civilians were wounded.

Ohio Governor Rhodes ordered state Adjutant General S. T. Del Corso, to proceed to Cleveland from Akron, where General Del Corso had been supervising national guard operations in that racially troubled city.

Gov. Rhodes was called out of a governor's conference session in Cincinnati, where he was listening to a speech by President Johnson, to answer the appeal from Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes.

The governor's office said certain officers of the guard had been alerted.

Answering an urgent call for armored vehicles from police, pinned down by sniper fire, police headquarters rounded up Brinks armored cars to send into the area.

As reinforcements rushed in, disturbances broke out sporadically in nearby areas.

Three policemen were pinned down by gunfire and pulled to safety about 1½ hours later as officers returned heavy fire into a brick apartment building on Lakeview Avenue and tried to help the wounded.

TEN CENTS

# 3 DIE

## Rifle Snipers Routed After 3-Hour Fight

### 3 Civilians Killed; National Guard Head Ordered To City

CLEVELAND (AP) — Six persons, including three policemen, were killed and at least 10 other policemen were wounded Tuesday night when snipers using automatic weapons opened fire in a Negro area on Cleveland's east side, officers said.

Three policemen lay wounded in the street for an hour and a half before their comrades, pinned down by fire from a nearby building, were able to get them out.



There were conflicting stories on how the shooting began.

One report said snipers began shooting at a police vehicle on Lakeview Avenue, hitting the three officers. Another said the policemen had gone to the area to remove an abandoned auto.

#### Kept Peace Earlier

The shooting broke out a few blocks south of East 125th Street and Superior Avenue, a center of black nationalist activity.

In the area is a Black muslim mosque, Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 18, and across the street and scattered throughout the area are a number of businesses operated by Muslims.

Among those arrested Tuesday was Fred Ahmed Evans, who has claimed a position of black nationalist leadership. Police quoted Mr. Evans as saying there were 17 men in his group.

Mr. Evans attracted attention by predicting that an eclipse on May 9, 1967, would be accompanied by a wave of racial violence in American cities. He then was operating an astrology shop.

The nationalist leaders went along with other Negro leaders in a concerted effort to keep the peace in Cleveland last year, when Mr. Stokes was running for office.

The mayor worked closely with nationalist leaders to prevent violence after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated last April. Cleveland was one of the few major cities in the nation that escaped racial disturbances at that time.

## Gun Battle Site



Associated Press Wirephoto Map

### SNIPERS OPENED UP

Arrow indicates intersection

## Cleveland Fight

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The office of the adjutant general in Columbus immediately committed 4,000 men to Cleveland. Its population of more than 800,000 includes about 350,000 Negroes.

Mayor Carl B. Stokes, a Negro who took office last November, appealed to all citizens to "stay home and cooperate with the police."

Mr. Stokes described the situation as "bad," but at dawn said it was "controlled."

Ohio Adjutant General Sylvester T. Del Corso, summoned from Akron to command the guardsmen, said he saw "some evidence of a plot" involving black nationalists. Witnesses said the snipers appeared to have an organized battle plan.

The three dead policemen were Lt. Leroy Jones, and Patrolmen Louis Golonka and Willard Wolf.

The civilian victims were James Chapman and James Hayes, both from Cleveland, and Clifford Miller, of Twinsburg, O.

#### Three At Morgue

There was an unidentified Negro at Huron Road Hospital and three more unidentified Negroes at the morgue.

Police, returning the fire at snipers holed up in an apartment, said they heard shouts, "We'll shoot anything white."

After some fires were started, snipers began shooting at firemen and police ordered the fire-fighters out of the area.

A supermarket burned down. An apartment house was heavily damaged by uncontrolled flames.

## First Shots Hit Unarmed Police Pair

### Officers Ordered To East Side To Tow Away Car

CLEVELAND (AP) — One of the 11 police officers wounded by gunfire Tuesday said that the shooting started when he and his partner drove a police tow truck into the area to "pick up a piece of junk."

Patrolman William McMillan, 35, who was wounded in the head, chest, abdomen, and thigh, told a newsman.

"We were working a police tow truck and went to pick up a piece of junk at 123rd at Beulah Avenue. We just started to pick it up and somebody started shooting at me with a shotgun."

"He hit me about three times. I started to run around and hide behind the truck. They started shooting up the truck. I got it from all sides. There were two of them with shotguns and one with an automatic weapon."

Mr. McMillan said one man walked up to the truck and fired point blank into the truck.

"I didn't have a gun," the officer said. "My partner didn't have any either. Why send two truck men on the street without a gun?"

Another patrolman, Thomas Smith, 33, was shot in the neck. He was one of the first to arrive at the scene after the shooting started, Mr. Smith told a newsman.

"I got up there and there was a lieutenant lying in the street and so was the sergeant. A couple of men were hurt! . . . I tried to help the lieutenant out. I pulled him back.

"I ran behind the car where the sergeant was hit and was lying down. I got to the sergeant and picked him up. That's when I got it in the back."



# 3 Cleveland Policemen, 7 Others Killed In Sniper Battle; Looting, Arson Follow; 4,000 Guardsmen Are Ordered Into City

## Shooting Rages For 3 Hours; 18 Persons Injured

CLEVELAND (AP) — Snipers — shooting from rooftops, windows and from behind bushes — launched a night of terror at dusk Tuesday that left 10 persons dead in a Negro neighborhood on Cleveland's East Side.

Four of those killed were white, three of them policemen. Police said two of the victims were Negro snipers.

At least 18 others were hurt in the three-hour gun battle with police. Scattered arson and looting followed the shooting.

Twenty-four persons were arrested, 17 on charges of looting.

### Firebombs Thrown

It ended, except for scattered gun shots, just before a heavy thundershower at midnight cooled off the steaming streets and dampened some blazes started by firebombs.

National guardsmen and police, armed with rifles, patrolled the area today.

The shooting began, witnesses said, when two Negro snipers "carrying rifles and . . . sacks of ammunition," ran out of an alley, crouched behind bushes, and shot three white policemen.

Later, two snipers were killed, Bayonets, shotgun shells, gas masks and first aid kits were found on their bodies.



—Associated Press Wirephoto

**FIRE RAGES OUT OF CONTROL IN BLOCK OF STORES ON CLEVELAND'S EAST SIDE**  
*Fireman removes hose line when it became impossible to put out inferno which followed looting*



# Stokes Lays Blame To Small Group

## Says City Given 48-Hour Warning

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mayor Carl B. Stokes said he was confident that the outbreak of violence Tuesday was caused by a "small and determined group" and did not reflect the feelings of the majority of Negro people.

Mr. Stokes said that through the efforts of the FBI and military intelligence he had been warned about 48 hours before the incident that there might be some form of violence in Cleveland and several other cities across the nation.

He said he was told by informants that the violence was scheduled to break out at 8 this morning and that police had been alerted to watch for any incident.

Most of the 10 persons dead and those wounded were shot during a 30-minute period, Mr. Stokes said.

"The other incidents during the night were not the result of this one particular incident,"

the mayor added. He said other incidents appeared "completely unrelated."

He said Ahmed (Fred) Evans was in custody and suspected of being one of the ringleaders. Mr. Stokes said he knew Evans and at the time of the shooting, city hall had been trying to help

Evans settle an eviction order that had been served on him.

The mayor said he was not ruling out a curfew but he felt it important to consider alternatives and to demonstrate confidence in the community to handle any problem that may occur.

## Ohio Guard Mobilized

### Call-Up Termed Precautionary Step

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio mobilized all its army national guardsmen and some air national guardsmen today after police-sniper shootings broke out in Cleveland.

The call-up involves 15,250 army guardsmen and about 800 air guardsmen. A state official said it was a precautionary move.

Brig. Gen. Robert H. Canterbury, assistant adjutant general for army, disclosed the number of troops called. They assembled in armories around the state.

Some 1,200 guardsmen undergoing summer training at Camp Perry, on Lake Erie west of

Cleveland, were ordered into Cleveland. About 950 left the Akron-Canton area for Cleveland, including about 400 on duty in Akron in connection with recent racial disturbances in that city.

Other troops put on duty in Cleveland were from Cleveland area units, making the total committed to the city about 4,000. (Among them were the 143 men of the 214th Maintenance Co., Clyde.)

Governor Rhodes, host to the National Governors' Conference at Cincinnati, rushed out of a formal dinner in the midst of a speech by President Johnson when informed of the Cleveland shootings. He ordered State Adj. Gen. Sylvester T. Del Corso, in Akron with guardsmen, to Cleveland to confer with city officials about enforcement needs.

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## Use Brinks Trucks

Police, some using Brinks armored trucks, turned the neighborhood into an armed camp. Tear gas and smoke bombs burst on the sidewalks and against buildings. Officers said some residents became ill from the fumes.

The area involved is on Lakeview Road near 125th Street, a mile from the Hough area where four Negroes were killed in five nights of rioting and looting two years ago this month.

When the gun fire erupted, police radio calls came thick and fast and had a tone of desperation.

"Things are pretty bad down here," one said. "We're pinned down. The wounded men are lying in the street. We can't get to them. Get some armored cars."

### 'They're After You'

Police reinforcements were rushed in. Some tried to chase small boys, attracted by the gunfire, off the streets.

A woman, declining identification, said she heard one of the boys tell the officers, "They're not after us, they're after you. They want you, not us."

Governor Rhodes, reached at the National Governors' Conference in Cincinnati, mobilized Ohio's 15,250 National Guardsmen.

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# Cleveland Police Attempt To Break Up Snipers' Nest



—Associated Press Wirephoto

**HELMETED POLICEMAN FIRES TEAR-GAS SHELL AS OTHERS WATCH BEHIND PATROL CAR**

*Cleveland officers seek to remove snipers from apartment behind supermarket on east side*



Oct 4 1963

THE BLADE: TOLEDO, OHIO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4,

# Wounded Policeman Plays Dead To Save His Life In Holdup

## Officer Tells Story From Hospital Bed

MALDEN, Mass., Oct. 4 (AP) — The holdup man shot Malden Patrolman George Hood three times.

Hood lay on the street waiting for the gunman to fire another fatal shot.

"I didn't breathe," he said. "I played dead. I wanted him to think I was already dead. 'Funny ins't it. Sometimes when you're a kid you play dead. But this wasn't playing.

"I waited for the blast and final bullet. All kinds of thoughts raced through my mind. Strange the things you think of when you know you're going to die."

But Mr. Hood survived and in Malden Hospital, where he is recovering from his wounds, he told his story of the night of Sept. 14.

The 53-year-old policeman and his partner, Patrolman

Edward C. Callahan, raced to a supermarket which they were told was being held up.

Moments later both policemen had been gunned down. Mr. Callahan died two days later of head wounds.

One bullet aimed at Mr. Hood's head, hit a denture and lodged in his lip. Another entered his thigh and stopped inches short of his spinal column. A third bullet shattered a kneecap.

When he and Mr. Callahan entered the market, Mr. Hood said, "I saw the big fellow and thought he was just someone waiting for his groceries. The big fellow didn't make any suspicious move.

"Suddenly out of the corner of my eye, I saw him reach

for a gun in his holster. He was only three feet away.

"I reached for my gun. He was a fraction of a second ahead of me.

"He let me have it. He was a killer, he aimed at my head."

The shot momentarily blinded Mr. Hood. He tried to run across the street.

"About a quarter of the way across another bullet hit my right knee. I was firing as I ran because he had left the store."

He tried to get up but collapsed again. Another shot hit him in the thigh as he lay in the street.

"I pulled and clawed the rest of the way across the

street on my stomach," he recalled. "I fired my last shot just before I got in front of the

car. The next time the gun clicked. I didn't have time to reload. I looked under the car and I saw his legs—just his legs coming at me."

Mr. Hood waited for the gunman to finish him off. But

instead the man got into the car and drove off.

Three men are being held for a grand jury in the slaying of Mr. Callahan. They are Peter J. Ladetto, 26, of Cambridge, his brother, Louis, 17, and Lawrence Guerra, 25, of Watertown.



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#### On Mercy Mission

## 3 Policemen Slain; Theft Gang Blamed

Killers Believed  
Surprised In Stolen  
Autos In Georgia

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga., April 18 (AP)—Three policemen were handcuffed together and shot to death in a remote wooded area yesterday after they apparently surprised a gang of car thieves.

Ironically, the Gwinnett County officers were on a mercy mission at the time. One of them was ill and the other two were taking him home. All three were married and two had children.

The victims were Jerry R. Everett, 28, Ralph K. Davis, 49, and J. N. Gravitt, 52. Their bodies were found in a pile 15 miles northeast of Atlanta.

Investigators said indications were the men died from bullets fired from their own pistols. There were bullet wounds in their heads and stomachs.

#### Gang Of 5 Or 6

"I figure there were at least five or six in the gang of car thieves," County Police Chief J. O. Bell said.

The chief said Mr. Gravitt, the father of one son, was ill, and the other night watch officers were taking him home when they received a radio call to investigate activity near the northeast expressway.

Tim Pruitt, dispatcher at the county jail, said he made the call to the officers after A. C. Mills telephoned him about 1:30 a.m. and reported two cars were running back and forth on a dirt road in front of his house.

County Commissioner Uhlman Freeman said Mr. Mills saw some of the developments from his home.

One of the cars roared off in reverse but the officers overtook it and returned to where the other was parked. Soon afterward the dome light in the police car went out.

#### Officers Handcuffed

"We assume that they gained control of the officers at that point," the county commissioner said. "They handcuffed the three officers together, put them in one of their cars and proceeded down a dirt road about half a mile to an old house.

## Sad Duty For Son Of Policeman

Feb 5, 1964



—Associated Press Wirephoto

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5—Burial services over, Kevin C. Monaghan, 7, carries the flag that covered his father's casket. Kevin's dad, Police Sgt. Charles J. Monaghan, and a fellow policeman were killed by a man they were trying to question about a bad check. With the boy are Mrs. Marie Oakley, left, a family friend, and Mrs. James Fagan, mother-in-law of the slain sergeant.

"There they took the officers out, walked them through the pines about 30 yards off the road, lined them up, and shot them."

One of the automobiles was set afire but Mr. Freeman said enough identification was left to determine that it had been stolen in Atlanta last night.

The commissioner said that auto thieves had been using his county as a "stripping ground" for automobiles stolen in Atlanta and elsewhere.

The police chief said the tragedy was discovered after a motorist spotted the abandoned police car.

"The thieves had backed the police car off the road and stripped it of radio, siren, and blinker lights," he said.



## 2 Men Killed In Shooting At Bank Holdup

**Suspect, Policeman  
Hit During Battle  
At Parma Heights**

PARMA HEIGHTS, O. (AP)—A police sergeant and a bank robber were killed Wednesday in a shooting outside a branch bank in Parma Heights.

Police identified the dead patrolman as Sgt. Robert Bennett, 43, father of seven and a 15-year veteran of the force.

The dead robber was identified as Donald H. Bowman, 54, of Middleburg Heights.

Reports said Sergeant Bennett and another Parma Heights policeman were responding to an alarm at the Continental Bank branch in Parma Heights when the two robbers, dressed as security guards, came out bringing a bank employee as a hostage. One robber opened fire, hitting Sergeant Bennett, police said.

Police said the other policeman immediately returned the fire, killing the robber outright.

A suspect identified by police as Dominic Marzano, 55, surrendered.

### 3 Kill Bank Manager, Policeman In Holdup

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)—Three men posing as telephone repairmen killed a policeman and a bank manager Wednesday while trying to rob a branch of the Arlington Trust Co., authorities said.

The trio escaped after a gun

battle, police said. But officers said one or more of the bandits may have been wounded.

Police identified the slain officer as Israel Gonzales, 27, whose regular duties included checking the bank.

## Border Guards Are Found Shot

**2 Bodies Located  
In California Shack**

TEMECULA, Calif. (T-P)—Two missing U.S. border patrol inspectors were found shot to death Monday in a mountain cabin.

The bodies of Theodore Newton, 26, and George F. Azrak, 22, were found on the floor of the abandoned shack. The arms of each encircled a pot belled stove. The wrists were bound together with the patrolmen's handcuffs.

Both had been shot in the back of the head. Their 44-caliber magnum revolvers were missing. Their sedan was 50 feet from the cabin. It had been covered with brush in an effort to conceal it.

A search for the officers started after they failed to return to their base in Temecula when their shift ended at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Earlier that morning Mr. Newton and Mr. Azrak had set up a roadblock in the northern San Diego County community of Oak Grove, to look for persons entering the county illegally or carrying narcotics.

## Lima Man Wounds Four After Fight With Wife

**2 Policemen Among Those Shot;  
Gunman Subdued In Basement**

From The Blade Correspondent

LIMA, O., June 2—Four persons, including two policemen, were shot and injured last night by a Lima man who had a fight with his wife.

Being held in the Allen County jail today after police officers subdued him in the basement of his home is John Oliphant, Jr., 24.

Police said Oliphant and his wife, Louella, 21, had an argument and when she called a cab to leave their home on South Metcalf Street, he shot her in the neck.

When the taxi driver, Russell Sholler, 28, arrived at the home, he was shot in the head and shoulder by Oliphant, police said.

In the meantime, Mrs. Oliphant had run to a nearby factory and summoned help.

When police arrived on what they first thought was a routine call, Oliphant opened fire at the cruiser but did not hit the two officers in the car. They summoned assistance and sheriff's deputies and state patrolmen came to their aid.

Officers then fired tear gas into the house and Oliphant barricaded himself in the basement.

State Patrolman Roland Kuntz entered the house through an upstairs window and removed a five-month-old daughter of the Oliphants. The girl, Lynette, was taken to St. Rita's Hospital for observation.

After a lull in the shooting, four police officers entered the house and Patrolman James Wolf and Joseph Fields were hit by gunfire. Patrolman Wolf, 31, was shot in the arm and Patrolman

Fields, 30, was hit in the shoulder by shots from a 22-caliber automatic rifle.

Both are reported in good condition today in Lima Memorial Hospital.

The officers fired back when Oliphant ran through a door into what they thought was a closet but it was the door to the basement. Tear gas then was thrown into the basement and Oliphant was forced up the stairs.

He received head cuts when subdued by police who said they had to use considerable force to capture him.

During the gun battle, Oliphant also fired at an ambulance which had been summoned to the house but the attendants in the vehicle were not hurt.

Oliphant had been committed to Toledo State Hospital Oct. 20, 1964, and released Jan. 17, 1965, for a trial visit to his home, according to Dr. Joseph Duty, hospital superintendent.

On Feb. 4 and May 6 he visited the after-care clinic at the Lima State Hospital for observation and consultation with doctors.

Mrs. Oliphant is in serious condition in Memorial Hospital and the taxi driver, Mr. Sholler, is in fair condition in the same hospital.



# Akron Policeman Is Slain; Two Others Are Wounded

An Akron policeman was killed and two other policemen were critically wounded April 10 after stopping an automobile in which two filling station robbers were fleeing.

Patrolman Eugene Hooper, 41, is dead.

Patrolman Frank Mancini, 25, and Reserve Officer Harold Winthrow, 33, were critically injured.

Held in Summit County jail, charged with first degree murder, are Terry Landry Jr., 25, and Charles Jennings Jr., 25, both of Akron.

The two men were arrested a few hours later in a home. The service revolver of one of the wounded officers was found in the home and a second pistol was found in a car abandoned near the home.

An alert Akron motorist, William Twig, provided the information which led to the first apprehension of the robbers. Later Twig summoned other policemen to the assistance of the wounded trio.

Hooper, a University of Akron graduate, joined the force in 1953, but resigned in 1956 because the job didn't pay enough. However, he rejoined the department because, he told a fellow officer, "he liked the work and missed it."

Hooper, Mancini, and Winthrow, who helped out on weekends, were riding in a cruiser when they were alerted

to watch for a car containing two men who had held up a service station.

They spotted the car on the Akron Expressway. The three were shot as they searched the two men. Police believe the driver of the car grabbed Mancini's gun — a .357 Magnum — and turned it on them, firing six shots rapidly. The suspects jumped into their car after shooting and fled.

Mancini joined the Akron police department Aug. 29, 1963. Winthrow has been employed 16 years as a cable splicer for Ohio Bell Telephone.

## Planes Aid Search

Police officers from Toledo, Lucas County, Wood County, Perrysburg, Oregon, Maumee, Northwood, and Genoa joined in a manhunt for the gunman.

A state highway patrol plane was flown to the area from Columbus early this morning, and a private plane piloted by Homer Powers, also aided in the search.

Michigan State Police from Pontiac, Mich., arrived at about 7 a.m. with two German shepherd dogs to help track down the man.

Basen was held on charges of driving with no operator's license in his possession and operating a motor vehicle

# 2 Planes Aid 50 Police In Gunman Hunt

## Motorist, Patrolman Exchange Shots In Stony Ridge Chase

Two planes and about 50 police officers early today searched farm lands near the Stony Ridge interchange of the Ohio Turnpike for a man who fled from a state highway patrolman during a running gun battle.

The gunman ran from the interchange after a car he was riding in was stopped by state highway patrolmen Dallas Sterling and F. A. Dennison for a routine license and registration check. Chicago police later this morning reported that the car was stolen.

According to the highway patrol, this is what happened:

The car pulled into the interchange at 4 a.m. from the Toledo Detroit Expressway. The driver, who identified himself as Gerald Basen, 33, of Chicago, could not produce either a driver's license or registration for the vehicle.

Basen was asked by Patrolman Dennison to get out of the vehicle and a passenger in the car was instructed to park the vehicle.

## Fired At Patrolman

After the passenger parked the car, he leaped from the driver's seat, ran down an embankment, and fell into a ditch. He came up with a gun in his hand and fired one shot at Patrolman Sterling. Then he vaulted a five-foot fence and ran toward a gasoline station a few hundred feet away on an expressway access road.

With Patrolman Sterling in pursuit, the gunman ran in between some parked trucks, fired another shot at the officer, and disappeared in a wooded area behind the truck stop. His tracks were traced to a plowed field about a mile southeast of the interchange.

Patrolman Sterling said he fired four shots at the fleeing gunman.

Basen told officers that he knew the gunman only as Al Huff and that he had met him Monday night in Chicago.

Last night the two decided to drive to Cleveland in what Basen thought was Huff's car.



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# 3 Policemen Shot In Sacramento

## Youths Open Fire On Patrol Cars

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Three policemen and a newsman were wounded in sporadic gun battles with small bands of youths Sunday night in the predominantly Negro section of Sacramento.

More than 100 policemen moved into the Oak Park area — southeast of the business district — after officers raided a Black Panther office, using tear gas to disperse the occupants.

Roving Negro youths with shotguns fired at several police cars, officers said.

Police first moved into the area after reports of false fire alarms and gunfire. At one point, officers thought there was gunfire from the militant Negro group's local office, Police Capt. John Kearns said.

Officers lobbed tear gas canisters into the building, Captain Kearns said. Windows were smashed in five nearby stores.

Lt. Herschell Foster, 41, was shot in the elbow; Sgt. Joe del Ponte, 42, was shot in the leg, and patrolman Mike Shockley was shot in the forearm. All wounds were minor.

The Sacramento Union said one of its reporters, Hoyt Elkins, was hospitalized with stab wounds in the side and face.

By early morning a few hours later, the area was quiet, with most of the police withdrawn and few residents on the streets.

talized in fair condition after a crowd attacked him and his partner.

The disturbance began when Police Lt. Frank Sodanto, 36, and a patrolman answered a call to break up a fight in a restaurant. As they were leaving, a group that had gathered started a barrage of bottles, stones, and rubbish.

Lieutenant Sodanto suffered multiple lacerations and a possible broken nose.

Reinforcements were rushed to the area, and it took more than two hours to restore order.

A crowd of some 200 ranged

through the streets, breaking windows in 14 stores and causing an estimated \$30,000 damage.

## Arrests Continue

### In Oregon Disorders

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Police working from headquarters in a hamburger stand tried this morning to keep Negro youths from destroying property in northeast Portland.

Police made sixteen arrests, including 10 juvenile, five men and a woman.

Police and Negro youth confrontations Saturday and Sunday mornings in the same area resulted in more than 50 arrests.

The arrests today came after a drug store was broken into and looted, fire bombs were thrown at a house and a school, and a fire was set in another house. Firemen quickly stopped the fire.

## Snipers In Cairo Shoot At Firemen

CAIRO, Ill. (AP) — A large warehouse, belonging to a discount chain, was destroyed by fire in racially tense Cairo early today and firemen said they were driven away from the burning building by sniper fire at least twice.

The fire apparently was started by a bomb, the police radio said. The police radio also reported at least 10 other firebombings. But they caused only negligible damage.

Police returned fire in the direction of the sniping. The gunshots came from a site near the Pyramid Court public housing complex. The mostly Negro complex was a focus of violence that brought national guard troops into Cairo in April.

A detachment of state troopers was called into the city from nearby Du Quoin.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in Centralia reported cables apparently had been burned near Cairo and outgoing calls had been interrupted.

## Utica Mob Attacks

### Police, Stones Stores

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) — Extra police were on duty Sunday night following an early morning violence in a Negro section of the city.

One policeman was hospi-

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## Michigan Trooper Slain In Holdup

### Two Being Hunted As Murder Suspects

DETROIT (AP) — A young Michigan state police trooper was shot to death Monday as he sought to foil a holdup in his apartment building.

He was Carl P. Lindberg, 22. Authorities said he had been shot in the face, possibly with his own gun.

Police sought two men, one in his 20s and one in his 50s.

Police said Officer Lindberg was called to the apartment by the manager of the building, who said a woman tenant was being held up.

Neighbors said they heard four or five shots. A gun was found on Officer Lindberg's body, but his service revolver was missing.



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## 3 Policemen Shot In Fight With Youths

### Tear Gas Used To Quell Outbreak Sparked By Protest

SEATTLE (AP)—Three policemen were shot, and nine other officers injured here Monday in a clash with Negro youths.

Seattle police used tear gas and nightsticks to quell a day-long outbreak of violence in the predominantly Negro central area. Thirty-five persons were arrested.

Members of the Black Student Union at Seattle Community College, protesting refusal of the board of trustees to appoint a Negro to the board, marched from the main campus to a branch in the central area, touching off the violence. They were joined by community youths.

Police said the three wounded officers were in good condition. They said it was not known who fired the shots, and officers did not return the fire.

Crowds of youths, ranging up to 300, hurled bricks, rocks, and chunks of cement, injuring nine other policemen. Police said three fire bombs also were thrown at them.

Heavy rain and a barrage of tear gas cleared Seattle's streets about 10 p.m.

### Nine Shot In Incident Growing From Auto Crash

DENTON, Tex. (AP)—Nine persons, including six women, were shot Monday in a melee stemming from an auto collision.

A Negro girl was critically wounded when, police said, a rookie policeman pulled his gun and the weapon fired accidentally.

Police Chief Wayne Autrey said three police cars had responded to a report of a car striking a parked vehicle in front of Hubbard Hall on the Texas Woman's University campus.

Chief Autrey said the driver, a Negro airman, attacked one officer. Another policeman, coming to his aid, hit the officer's arm, and the gun discharged, striking Glenda Hopkins, 18, a student, in the chest.

The bullet passed through the co-ed and hit Ralph Stelow, 18, a student at neighboring North Texas State University, in the groin.

A crowd remained in front of the dormitory after the airman and a woman companion were arrested.

A pickup truck raced by, and two shotguns blasts boomed out, Chief Autrey said. Seven students were hit by pellets. Police said they had the license number of the truck and were seeking the owner.

Shotgun-armed police guarded Flow Memorial Hospital, where the wounded were taken.

Police seized nine Negro youths in what they said was an attempt to prevent rioting. Five youths were found with equipment to make incendiary devices, Chief Autrey said, and four more were arrested when a pistol was found in their car.

Both Texas Woman's University, with 5,000 students, and North Texas State, with 1,200, are racially integrated.

### Shots Fired At Firemen At Blaze In Illinois City

CAIRO, Ill. (AP)—City and state police patrolled the streets Monday night after firemen were shot at while responding to two fire-bombings.

A fire destroyed the Tri-County Health Center, located across the street from Pyramid Court, a Negro housing development, and heavily damaged an interior decorator's shop.

Firemen at the latter fire said they were fired upon, and gunfire was reported at scattered locations throughout the Ohio River city of 8,000, about 40 per cent Negro.

No injuries or arrests were reported.

Earlier Monday, between 75 and 100 shots were fired at the police station.

In April, national guard troops and state police were called to Cairo after three days of fire-bombings and arson.



## Slain Trooper

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—Associated Press Wirephoto  
RAEFORD, N.C., Sept. 2—North Carolina highway patrolman W. T. Herbin was killed in a shooting near Raeford Monday. Charges have been placed against men.

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## Oakland Encounter

# Officer Killed, 2 Hurt In Gun Battle

## Black Panthers Leader Wounded

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A young Oakland policeman was killed, and a fellow officer and the leader of the militant Black Panthers were critically wounded in a predawn gun battle Saturday in West Oakland.

John F. Frey, Jr., 23, a patrol-

man for a little more than a year, died of three bullet wounds.

Patrolman Herbert C. Heanes, 24, and Huey Newton, 25, self-styled "defense minister" of the Black Panthers, were wounded. Newton staggered into Kaiser Hospital not long after the fight, bleeding from an abdominal wound. He was placed under

police guard. Police said a young woman was with Newton when officer Frey, alone in his police cruiser, stopped Newton in his car apparently for a routine check. Officer Heanes, alone in another police car, came up to cover Officer Frey. Shooting started, and Officer Frey fell mortally wounded. Officer Heanes was dropped by three slugs.

Police believe that Newton, despite his wound, fled in another car with the woman.

The Black Panthers, a Negro nationalist organization numbering about 40 in the Bay Area, is the group that made an armed intrusion into the chambers of the State Legislature in Sacramento last May 2. They have had other clashes with the law but this was the first reported that involved gunfire.

Newton is head of the organization, which he has described as a revolutionary party of young Negroes.

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## Five Wounded In Gun Battle

## Bandit Captured In Houston Store

HOUSTON (AP) — Gunfire between police and an ex-convict Tuesday in Houston's largest downtown department store wounded five persons and sent shoppers scrambling for cover.

Three policemen, the gunman, and a woman store employee who police said was being held as a hostage, were wounded. A few minutes earlier, police said, the bandit had robbed a jewelry store two blocks away.

The bandit also had held a policeman as a hostage for a brief period before the shootout.

The wounded officers are Lt. Leo L. Michna, 40, shot in the abdomen; Detective Kenneth Waycott, 63, also shot in the abdomen, and Patrolman R. E. Carver, 46, shot in a hand.

Lieutenant Michna and Mr. Waycott were in serious condition, Mr. Carver satisfactory.

Police identified the former convict as Frank Danfort Dick, 38. Dick suffered a shoulder wound and was listed in satisfactory condition after his arrest.

Mrs. Elia Narvaez, 20, the employee, was hit in the side by a stray bullet. Her condition was satisfactory.

Dick was captured after being dropped by a shot fired by Detective A. E. Rockwell, who was among a half dozen officers at the scene.

Police said the value of the recovered items that had been taken from the jewelry store was estimated at more than \$100,000. They also said the bandit still carried an unhealed bullet wound that apparently had been inflicted some weeks ago.

In the jewelry store holdup, the bandit forced William Weintraub, 59, a salesman for Aaron Wolfson Jewelry, to leave with him.

As he marched Mr. Weintraub

out the door, he spotted a policeman. He pushed the salesman back into the store and left again.

He ran toward Foley's Main street entrance, where he encountered Lieutenant Michna. He stuck a gun in the policeman's side and forced him inside.

Officer J. C. Doyle saw the man with his arm around Lieutenant Michna's neck.

"Get back or I'll kill you," Mr. Doyle quoted the man as saying.

Mr. Doyle said Lieutenant Michna yelled that the man had taken his pistol.

The man forced Lieutenant Michna to the wig counter, where Mrs. Narvaez was standing.

"He pushed the policeman away and grabbed the girl," Mr. Doyle said. "He kept a gun at her side."

Mrs. Narvaez was marched to the entrance near the bakery shop as police gathered outside. The bandit opened fire as they closed in.



# Detroit Officer Slain; 8 Of 10 Suspects Freed

## 2nd Patrolman Wounded In Shootout After Check Of Negro Militant Group

DETROIT (AP)—Eight men were freed Sunday of the 10 detained by police after a young patrolman was killed in a shootout with members of the Negro separatist Republic of New Africa.

Detectives investigating the fatal shooting of the policeman, Michael Czapski, 22, wanted to jail eight more of 135 originally arrested.

But Judge George Crockett of Recorder's Court ruled that police had illegally made nitrate tests of the suspects' hands to determine whether they had recently fired weapons. The judge said the police had failed to advise the men first of their right to call lawyers, and he ordered their release.

Judge Crockett cited William L. Cahalan, Wayne County prosecutor, for contempt of court for trying to keep one of the men in custody.

### Radioed For Help

Officer Czapski's partner, Richard E. Worobec, radioed police headquarters shortly before midnight Saturday that they were about to make a check on about a dozen Negroes with rifles and carbines they had seen outside a church in a Negro district.

"They're shooting at us, they're shooting at us. We need help," was his next radio message.

directly to the fatal shooting of Patrolman Czapski.

Negroes at the scene denied they had fired on police from within the church.

"They came in like mad dogs and started shooting from the side and the front at the same time," Muta Ali, 27, of New York, said.

"It's atrocious," Milton Henry, an attorney, said. He is first vice president of the RNA, which had rented the church for the night to celebrate its first anniversary. "There were kids two months old and pregnant women inside."

Authorities said the nitrate tests on several of the eight persons they wanted held were positive.

Judge Crockett said another judge would hear the contempt case against Mr. Cahalan later.

### Takeover Of 5 States Among Group's Goals

The Republic of New Africa was founded last year with the avowed intention of taking over the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina for a Negro nation.

In addition, the RNA claims that the U.S. Government owes Negroes \$400 billion in damages for slavery and subsequent discrimination.

When about 50 police reinforcements began arriving, they found Patrolman Czapski dead with seven wounds in the head and chest. Patrolman Worobec had crawled into the scout car, pushed the accelerator down with his hand to get the bullet-riddled vehicle out of the line of fire, and gasped his call for help.

Lying in serious condition in Detroit General Hospital with wounds in the lower back and legs, Patrolman Worobec was unable to provide details of the shooting.

Police said that as reinforcements arrived, they were fired on from the church. They smashed their way through front and side entrances, guns and rifles blazing.

### Weapons Confiscated

They were met, they said, by a line of Negroes kneeling inside the church, in firing position.

Police said, they later confiscated seven rifles, three handguns and a large supply of ammunition.

Five Negroes were injured, four by gunfire and one with a broken leg.

David Brown, Jr., 19, of Compton, Calif., was charged with assault with intent to commit murder after a policeman said he saw him fire a pistol from the church.

Kirkwood Hall, 24, of Linden, N.J., was charged with having a can of chemical spray.

Neither charge was related

# Robbers Kill

## 2 Policemen

*Oct 27, 1967*  
2 Others Wounded  
In Chicago Suburb

When officers John Lethin and Gerald Goodridge entered the bank, one of the bandits, armed with a shotgun, fired a blast at Mr. Goodridge but missed. The bandit and an accomplice armed with a revolver exchanged gunfire with the police as patrons and employees jumped behind desks to protect themselves.

As the man with the shotgun tried to escape, a bank guard shot him in the face. Other officers summoned by a telephone call from a teller, grabbed the man with the pistol.

CHICAGO (Reuters) —Hundreds of uniformed police, detectives and FBI agents combined tonight in a massive city-wide hunt for bandits who shot and killed two police officers and wounded two others as they fled with handfuls of cash from a suburban bank.

One of the three bandits was wounded and captured in a gun duel outside a Northlake bank.

A running gun battle developed as police chased the bandits in a getaway car which was brought to a standstill riddled by bullets. The two bandits eventually got away in another vehicle, a white sedan driven by a woman, police said.

Bank notes were strewn inside the bank and all over the street as the masked robbers, firing carbines and a submachine gun blasted their way to their getaway car.

The police victims were identified as Anthony P. Perri, 41, father of two children, and Detective Sgt. John Nagle, 31, father of three, both of the Northlake police department.

Police Chief James Giliam described Patrolman Perri's killing as "the most cold-blooded thing that could happen." After dropping the officer with a shot, one of the bandits walked over and finished him off with another shot, he said.

The wounded policemen were Ernest Huestadt, 39, who was shot in the head and underwent an emergency operation, and Patrolman Michael Cain, 24, who was shot in the arm.

**1 Bandit Killed, 2nd Hurt,  
3rd Flees With \$30,881**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One bandit was killed and another captured, but a third fled Friday from a south Los Angeles bank with \$30,881.

Two police officers responded to a silent alarm after three men walked into a Bank of America branch at 8600 South Vermont Ave. and held 18 employees and 20 customers at gunpoint.



### Three Arrested

Police have arrested three self-styled "revolutionaries" for the Saturday shootings, and are seeking three others.

Commissioner Rizzo said the conspirators had plotted to blow up a police station not too far from the University of Pennsylvania, with hand grenades allegedly stolen last year from the army at Fort Dix, N.J.

Instead, he said, they switched the plans to attack the guard house near Cobbs Creek on the western edge of Fairmount Park.

### New York Police Using Buddy System For Safety

NEW YORK (AP) — Foot patrolmen are walking night beats in pairs under a new policy designed to protect police from assaults.

The department initiated the new procedure at 3 a.m. Sunday, two hours after police reported a Bronx patrolman was hit with a shotgun blast in an unprovoked attack.

Patrolman Pio Rizzo was hospitalized in fair condition following the assault, the latest in a rapidly increasing number of such assaults. Three policemen have been killed this year.

Foot patrolmen were ordered to keep within sight of their partner during all patrols after dark.

Patrolman Rizzo was said to have reported that two men "just walked up to me and

# 5th Policeman Shot, 1 Killed In Philadelphia

## Early Morning Raid On Panther Center Adds New Victim

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Another policeman was shot today, the fifth in 36 hours, with one of them dead, as officers in early morning raids exchanged gunfire with barricaded occupants of three buildings alleged to be headquarters of Negro militants.

At least 14 men and women were arrested.

The latest victim was hit in the leg when officers crashed through the door of a Black Panther community information center in the heart of north Philadelphia's ghetto, near the site of the 1964 street rioting.

Inspector James Curran, leading one raiding team, said he pounded on the door, advised that police officers were outside with a warrant, and demanded immediate surrender.

"We heard a scuffle and then a shotgun blast," Mr. Curran said. "We knocked in a door and more shots were exchanged."

### Patrolman Struck

Patrolman Frank Eckman was struck, and Mr. Curran told newsmen that he and Capt. Robert Martin "received gunshot pellets in the face."

No one was injured in the raids at the other two places.

On Saturday night a Fairmount Park guard was shot to death, and another wounded, in an attack. Police Commissioner Frank L. Rizzo called the work of a band of revolutionaries.

On Sunday night two highway patrolmen were wounded critically just a few blocks from the first west Philadelphia shooting, when they stopped an auto in a stolen car check. One was Patrolman Thomas Gibbons, Jr., whose father was the city's police commissioner from 1952 to 1960. The other was Patrolman James Nolan.



Two fire bombings were reported, both causing minor damage to vacated buildings. The four nights of tension resulted in glass damage to eight downtown businesses and 70 arrests.

### Curfew Enforcement Eased In Akron

AKRON (AP) — Akron city officials relaxed enforcement of a curfew in the Wooster Avenue area Tuesday night, and disturbances were fewer than on any night since violence erupted a week ago.

Mayor John S. Ballard said the trouble was beginning to taper off. There were few arrests reported Tuesday night.

The mayor had set a curfew to start at 10 p.m., an hour later than Monday, but no attempt was made to enforce it on Wooster Avenue. National guard troops were withdrawn, and police forces were reduced sharply. Negro leaders were encouraged to move among the residents.

Earlier Tuesday Mayor Ballard had announced withdrawal of 150 members of a company of the 145th Infantry. Some 700 guardsmen remained available.

## 13 Arrested In Attack On N.Y. Police

### Crowds Hurl Bottles Following Parade In Lower East Side

NEW YORK (AP) — Special police reinforcements moved into the lower east side for the fourth consecutive night Tuesday and arrested 13 persons after a bottle-throwing attack on police.

A parade of residents of the Spanish-speaking area broke up into the attack. The parade had been organized as a cooling off for the area, which has protested the presence of the special police forces.

Some 250 members of the tactical patrol force, specially trained in riot and crowd control, spent several hours trying to disperse the crowds. By 1 a.m. today the area was reported relatively quiet.

One bottle-throwing spree led plainclothes detectives to move along Sixth Street, telling people to get inside the buildings.

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Plainclothesmen entered a tenement with guns drawn and arrested six persons, including one woman. The six were charged with disorderly conduct.

Seven other arrests were made including two for burglary at a supermarket.

### Officers Hit By Bottles In Coney Island Section

Earlier, two policemen were struck by thrown bottles in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn, hours after Mayor John V. Lindsay walked through the tense neighborhood, which had seen three straight nights of unrest.

"It's very discouraging," Mayor Lindsay said. "We thought we had been able to bring them together—the whites, the Puerto Ricans, the blacks . . . I hope we can cool it."

### Patrols, Rain Halt

### Benton Harbor Unrest

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Police patrols and a cloudburst Tuesday brought to an abrupt halt the fourth consecutive night of disorders in this western Michigan city of 20,000.

Police started clearing Benton Harbor streets at 10 p.m., earlier than any of the three previous nights. By 11 p.m. the area of violence was clear enough that police reopened it to vehicular traffic.

## Gunmen Kill 4 Patrolmen In California

### Officers Checking On Complaints By Freeway Motorists

SAUGUS, Calif. (AP) — Four young California highway patrol officers were shot to death Sunday night as they checked out the car of two men who had been driving along a mountain freeway pointing guns at motorists.

Sheriff's deputies searching for the killers surrounded a small house about five hours later and were engaged in a gun battle with persons inside, believed to be the assailants.

Officers said one suspect was believed severely wounded in the original shootout. With two patrolmen dead and one mortally wounded, the last officer had held off the two gunmen alone for five minutes until he was hit by a shot in the face, a witness said.

### Flee In Sedan

The men fled in their late-model sedan as 40 customers in a nearby coffee house huddled on the floor. A car of that description was found about 10 minutes later on a dead-end street about a block from the shooting scene. Saugus is 35 miles north of Los Angeles.

Three helicopters and more than 100 law enforcement officers on foot and in four-wheel-drive vehicles scoured the rugged, brush-covered hill and canyon area in search of the assailants.

A highway patrol spokesman said the men apparently were armed with a shotgun and a 44-caliber magnum pistol and fled with the four officers' service revolvers.

### Riddled With Bullets

The patrol cars were riddled with bullets.

About 40 customers were in the all-night J's Coffee Shop, including some 30 young church group members taking a breather from a charter bus trip.

"I just heard the shots and saw some guys running around the cars in the parking lot. It's real bright out there," coffee shop manager Al Sims, 49, said.

"I told everyone to lie on the floor next to the counter. They were real cooperative," he added.

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## Gunman Kills Rookie Cop, Wounds 2nd

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Two rookie patrolmen, assigned to the same cruiser by coincidence, were disarmed Wednesday by a gunman who killed one officer and seriously wounded the other.

Patrolman Joseph L. Price, 22, was shot to death as he sat behind the wheel of his cruiser. His partner, Charles Schroeder, 26, got out of the car, was hit five times but managed to reach a telephone booth, where he called for help.

Taken into custody and charged with murder were Randall Geary, 33, and his brother, Kermit, 25. Randall was arrested at the scene, while Kermit was picked up later at a relative's home.

### Tried To Serve Warrant

Patrolman Schroeder said he and Patrolman Price spotted Randall Geary on a street and tried to arrest him on a storehouse breaking warrant, after they radioed for help from another patrol car.

The officer said that while he was outside the cruiser talking with Randall Geary, the other brother drew a gun and pointed it at Patrolman Price's head.

The patrolmen were disarmed and ordered to drive around while the Gearys rode in the back of the cruiser.

Patrolmen Price and Schroeder radioed in again asking headquarters to disregard the earlier message but the request was garbled and headquarters tried to call the officers back.

### Sensed Something Wrong

Patrolmen in the second cruiser heard the unanswered calls, sensed something was wrong and began looking for the rookies.

Patrolman Schroeder said the brothers ordered his partner to stop the car, then one opened fire, killing Patrolman Price.

Patrolmen Price and Schroeder had been scheduled to ride with veteran policemen but the older officers were off duty and the rookies drew assignments to ride with each other.

Patrolman Price had been on the force one month, while Patrolman Schroeder finished his training in May.



# Speeding Suspects Kill Policeman In Cleveland

## Second Patrolman Seriously Wounded When Two Men Leave Car, Open Fire

CLEVELAND (AP)—One policeman was killed and another seriously wounded early today by two gunmen who stepped out of a car they stopped for speeding.

Mayor Carl B. Stokes called the shootings "bestial and unconscionable."

Police picked up 12 persons for questioning and confiscated 10 guns.

The assailants fled on foot and, police were checking the license of the car to determine its owner.

Patrolman Joseph Tracz, 27, was dead at a hospital of gunshot wounds to the back of the head, neck, back, and leg.

He apparently had been shot while lying on the ground, police said.

Patrolman Fred Fulton, 29, was shot in the mouth, chest and groin. He underwent surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital and was in satisfactory condition.

Mr. Stokes said the shootings

occurred in an area of the city that has been pressing for more police protection.

"A town cannot have this type of crime and have police protection too," he said in a statement.

Inspector Patrick Gerity said the two officers apparently were getting out of their car when they were shot at about 2 a.m. Shots were fired through the windshield of the police car and neither officer had time to return fire, police said.

Mr. Gerity said Mr. Fulton was able to get back into the car and call for help. The first police car to reach the scene took the two officers to the hospital. Mr. Tracz was dead on arrival.

Mr. Gerity said that investigators had been unable to question Mr. Fulton, the driver of the police car. He said a motorist who witnessed the shootings provided details.

Mr. Tracz would have completed his first year on the force Oct. 17. Mr. Fulton is a three-year veteran.

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### 3 Killed, 2 Hurt

#### In Los Angeles Shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two policemen, seriously wounded and lying in a service station driveway, killed three of four men in a gunfight Monday.

The fourth man fled on foot after the shooting at the edge of the downtown area.

The dead were Stephen Kenna Bartholomew, 21; Robert Lawrence, 22, and Thomas Melvin Lewis, 18.

#### Listed As Satisfactory

Officers Norman J. Roberge and Rudy Limas were described as in "serious but satisfactory" condition at Central Receiving Hospital.

Police said that the gunfight started after a car the officers had been following stopped at a service station.

The driver and one other man were out of the car when Patrolman Roberge approached and asked to see a driver's license, officers added.

#### Came Out Shooting

When the driver told Patrolman Roberge he had no license Patrolman Limas asked the two men remaining in the car to step out on one side. They went out on the other side shooting, police said.

Patrolman Roberge fired at the men after he had been hit in the legs. Patrolman Limas, shot in the groin, hand, and lower chest, also fired.

Two pistols used by the men were recovered at the scene, officers said.

### 4 Wounded In Shooting At Watts Festival

Four persons in a crowd of more than 500 at the Watts Summer Festival in Will Rogers Park were wounded today by men firing from moving cars.

Deputy Sheriff Curtis Ratzlaff said that several persons in the crowd fired back at the cars as they sped away but that none of the passengers was known to have been hit. He said that there was no explanation why persons in the crowd were armed.

The victims were identified as Jerry Watson, 19; Bobby Ephriam, 27; Jerry Darrough, 18, and Ruby Daniel, 19.

Young Watson was in critical condition after being struck in the abdomen, jaw, and left arm by 22-caliber bullets. The others were in fair condition.

The deputy said that the shooting "seems to have been an internal affair."

Sheriff's Sgt. David Bullis said that more than 50 officers converged on the park to remove the wounded and disperse the crowd. Ambulances were given police escorts.

He said that a large segment

### 1 Policeman Killed, 2 Hurt In Detroit

#### Suspect, Bystander Also Wounded In Gun Battle

DETROIT (AP) — A gun fight that apparently began as a domestic quarrel ended in the death of a police sergeant and the wounding of two other policemen and two civilians.

The shooting occurred in Jeffries Homes, a low-income housing project.

Police Commissioner Johannes Spreen said that three police cars responded to a report of a man shooting a gun in the project. They radioed that they had the man cornered in a doorway, shots were exchanged, and Sgt. Edward Wolski, Jr., 40, fell fatally wounded.

Detectives said that the gunman apparently was quarreling with his girl friend when he began shooting. The woman was not injured.

Police said that a man tentatively identified as Henry Matthews, 31, was being held in custody at Detroit General Hospital. He was reported to be in critical condition with a bullet wound in the head.

Two other officers and a bystander were treated for minor wounds and released.

of the crowd pelted the deputies with rocks and bottles. None was injured. The deputies withdrew, he said, the barrage stopped, and the crowd dispersed shortly thereafter.

Sergeant Bullis said that no arrests were made, and the deputies were not ordered into the park "because of the size and hostile nature of the crowd."

The third annual Watts Summer Festival, a week of film, music, drama, art, and sports events, was opened Monday by Mayor Sam Yorty and dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Medgar Evers.

### Detective, Teen-Ager Killed In Shootings At Inkster

#### 2 Policemen Hurt In Earlier Gunfire; 100 Officers, 4 FBI Men Rushed To City

INKSTER, Mich. (AP) — Police said that "hit and run" gunmen today killed a state police detective and wounded two Inkster officers.

In the ensuing manhunt, officers shot and killed a 14-year-old youth.

The shootings erupted after four nights of isolated gunfire and fire bombings, police said.

Police identified the slain youth as James Matthews, of Inkster. They said officers attempted to stop young Matthews and another youth for questioning, but that he fled on foot, ignoring warnings to halt.

They said young Matthews was shot less than a half hour after a high-powered rifle bullet struck and killed Detective Robert Gonser, 34, of the state police post at Detroit.

#### Police Rushed In

About 100 officers from other departments and 4 FBI agents were sent into this city of 37,000, Inkster, Police Chief James Fyke said.

Some 4½ hours earlier, Chief Fyke said, a shotgun blast from a passing car wounded Inkster Patrolmen John Knight and Thomas Freeman while they were patrolling a main street. They were treated at a hospital for superficial wounds.

Chief Fyke said Turhan Lewis, 24, of Inkster, was being held for investigation. Another person, unidentified, also was being held, police said.

Police said they were investigating to determine whether there was a relationship between the killing of Gonser and the wounding of the two Inkster officers.

#### Gunfire Breaks Out

Detective Lt. Harold Morrison of the state police said Officer Gonser and a state police intelligence officer were driving away from a parked position on an Inkster street when gunfire broke out from a parked auto and Officer Gonser was hit.

In the Matthews shooting, a friend of the youth, Darryl Powell, 16, of Inkster, told a newsman that young Matthews and a brother were en route to young Powell's home early today.

Young Powell told the news-

men that from a window of his home he saw the two stopped by police and saw that James ran and was shot.



Feb 17, 1969

# Police Car, Fire House Draw Bullets In Round Of New Cleveland Violence

CLEVELAND (AP) — A police cruiser and a fire station were targets of rifle fire during a disturbance on Cleveland's racially tense east side Saturday night.

Patrolmen Edward C. Chizek and William E. Beranek said they were fired on while driving on Churchill Avenue at East 105th Street. Neither officer was

## Suspect Is Wounded

Patrolman Beranek shot back and wounded one of two men he said had fired at him from between parked cars.

A 23-year-old man was arrested and was treated at Mt. Sinai Hospital for gunshot wounds.

## Fire Station Damaged

The second man fled, and after a search a 19-year-old youth was arrested outside Fire Station No. 28 on East 105th Street.

Police confiscated a 30-30 rifle

with a telescopic sight and a 22-caliber rifle.

Eighth Battalion Fire Chief Thomas Giurbino said two shots were fired through windows of Station No. 28 while the men were across the street fighting a fire in a drug store at the corner of East 105th Street and Superior Avenue.

Police earlier had arrested a man accused of smashing the

drug store window and had questioned him at the fire station before taking him to police headquarters.

The outbreak of violence in the 105th Street area, which is a center of black nationalist activity, came less than 24 hours after the bombing of the office of a Negro realtor in the predominantly white suburb of Cleveland Heights.

## Cincinnati Men Guilty Of Slaying Of Student

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two men convicted of manslaughter in the slaying of a University of Cincinnati graduate student during racial disturbances here last April face maximums of 20 years imprisonment.

A Hamilton County Common Pleas Court jury returned the verdict Tuesday against Terrice A. Lewis, 22, and Terry A. Ware, 18. A third defendant, Eugene Calloway, 20, was acquitted.

Sentencing was set for next Monday by Judge Frank M. Gusweiler.

The three defendants originally were charged with second-degree murder in the stabbing death on April 8 of Noel Wright, 30. Mr. Wright was slain after he stopped his car to investigate damage from rocks thrown at it.



# Officer Slain Oct 1, 1970 In Atlantic City

## Shot Down Trying To Question 2 Men

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — A patrolman was shot to death today with a shotgun by one of two men he had stopped for questioning, police reported.

Patrolman John Burke, 27, died of a neck wound. His death was the 15th in the nation this year in apparently unprovoked attacks on police officers.

Police said Patrolman Burke, a member of the city's K-9 squad, had stepped out of his station wagon in the heart of the main business district to question two men.

Without warning, police said, one of the men drew a shotgun and fired. Patrolman Burke's dog, Thor, was still in the wagon, tied to a post.

Police issued a warrant for the arrest of Clarence D. Holmes, 22, of Atlantic City, in connection with the shooting.

Patrolman Burke, married, without children, had been a policeman for two years. He was one of the first officers to join the 11-member K-9 corps when it was established this year. He made the corps' first arrest in February, when he and his dog captured two auto-theft suspects, police said.



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# 8 Wounded By Gunfire Near Chicago

## Victims Include Seven Policemen; Calm Restored

HARVEY, Ill. (AP) — Gunfire wounded seven policemen and a woman Tuesday night during a disturbance caused by Negro youths, and scores of law enforcement officers moved in early today.

State, county, and local police officers gathered at a foodstore parking lot, but the area was calm hours after the initial outburst.

Mayor James Haines of Harvey imposed a curfew until dawn in the south suburban Chicago community where there has been restlessness since a police officer shot a Negro youth June 30. A coroner's jury returned a verdict Tuesday of justifiable homicide in the shooting.

### Single Gun Blast

Mr. Haines said that five police officers were wounded by a single shotgun blast Tuesday as they dispersed a crowd of 75 to 100 Negro youths who were throwing rocks at cars.

He blamed the disorder on the oppressive heat. "On evenings like this it's more comfortable to stand on a street corner," he said.

The disturbance centered in a four-block-square area near the borderline of Harvey and Dixmoor, suburbs 17 miles south of downtown Chicago with a population of 35,000.

Fourteen persons were arrested, 2 on charges of mob action and 12 for violation of the curfew. Police said those arrested ranged in age from 18 to

### None Critical

A spokesman for Ingalls Hospital said that none of the seven policemen — three from Harvey and four from Dolton — was critically injured. Three officers were admitted for treatment. One officer was shot in the face as he patrolled the area in a squad car. He is Eugene Wojtowicz, 37.

Three other persons were treated for minor injuries and released, including a Negro woman, Mrs. Alberta Lampkin, 21, of Dixmoor.

Mrs. Lampkin said she was struck by two police bullets while officers were "chasing the rioters and shooting at them." She said the bullets penetrated a wall of her home, striking her in the arm. She received first aid at Ingalls hospital.



SEPTEMBER 18, 1970

TEN CENTS

# Toledo Patrolman Is Slain; Gun Battles Break Out At Black Panther Quarters

## He Was 'Best Damn Cop' In World, Widow Sobs

*'He Loved His Job,' Mrs. Miscannon Says After Return To Empty House*

It was a chilling and empty day for Mrs. Joyce Miscannon. She was whisked this morning in a police cruiser to Mercy Hospital, where her husband, Bill, lay mortally wounded, shot in the head in the line of duty.

Now she was coming home to the brown brick house with the big porch at 720 Lorain St. in South Toledo. It was empty, and a light drizzle that fogged the city all night was still falling.

A neighbor woman, the Miscannon's closest friends on the block, met her at the sidewalk.

### Still In Shock

Mrs. Miscannon stared blankly, still in shock and oblivious to the rain.

"He was so good, he was so damn good, Elsie," she sobbed to her neighbor. Her tears were nearly gone now, drained by a night of anguish.

William Albert Miscannon, a policeman for almost four years, was the father of four young children, three by a first marriage, and one by a second.

He and Joyce had no children.

### 'Loved His Job'

"He was the best damn cop in this whole damn world," his wife said.

"I know, Joyce," the neighbor said softly, patting Mrs. Miscannon's shoulder in a keep-it-together way. "He loved his job."

tect us if this type of thing continues."

A native of Rossford, Patrolman Miscannon was graduated in 1955 from Macomber High School. The 6 foot, 1 inch policeman had been a glassworker for Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. at Rossford for 10 years before his appointment to the police division Jan. 13, 1967.

Besides his wife, he leaves children, Kenneth, 12, Diana, 11, Brenda, 8, and Dennis, 4.

The body will be in the Sjukowski Mortuary.



PATROLMAN MISCANNON  
Father of four

## Suspect Caught, Charged After Police Chase

A Toledo patrolman was shot and killed at 1:38 a.m. today as he sat in his patrol wagon parked on Junction Avenue at Dorr Street.

Exchanges of gunfire followed for more than an hour between police and persons inside Black Panther Headquarters, 1334 Dorr, a half-block from the slaying scene.

A 25-year-old man arrested nearby was charged with first-degree murder. He was identified as John Melvin McClellan, who police said lived at 57 Port Lawrence Homes but gave the Panther headquarters as his address when booked in the city jail.

### Shot In Head

Patrolman William Albert Miscannon, 33, was shot in the head at close range with a small handgun, according to his partner, Patrolman Walter Shaw, who was reported in shock but otherwise uninjured.

Five patrolmen reportedly were injured slightly during two separate incidents, one in the Safety Building preceding the gun battle, which ended at 3:15 a.m. These injuries occurred in scuffles which resulted in six arrests.

Two of those arrested in the scuffles also were injured, and two persons were shot later in the battle on Dorr Street.

Patrolman Miscannon was the only policeman hit by gunfire.

## TU Ex-Professor Quits HUD Job, Charges Bias

**Contends Discrimination Encouraged, Perpetuated By Administration Policies**

By FRANK KANE

Blade Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A former University of Toledo law professor who served as director of conciliation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Equal Opportunity resigned that post Thursday with a blast at the Nixon administration for "encouraging and perpetuating" racial discrimination in America by its policies.



Neighbors on Lorain Street described Patrolman Miscannon as a quiet, good man who always said "hello," but as one who "didn't neighbor much," and didn't discuss his police work.

#### "A Quiet Couple"

"They were just a quiet couple that minded their own business," one woman said. Another woman described the slain policeman as "a big, nice-looking fellow; tall, dark and handsome, I suppose."

Another neighbor close to the couple said the Miscannons had their telephone number changed recently because of crank calls.

The neighbor who said she supposed the calls came to Patrolman Miscannon "just because he was a policeman," would not allow her name to be used. "If you say anything nice about a policeman these days, you're in for trouble," she said.

Another neighbor across the street summed up the feelings of the area when she said of the killing, "I don't know how long we can depend on others to pro-

Robert Affeldt has been supervising the handling of complaints and their settlement under the federal fair housing law nationally.

Mr. Affeldt, who plans to return to the TU law faculty, said that when he was appointed to the HUD post over a year ago he "was persuaded that it (HUD) wanted a strong and creative civil rights program."

#### Believed Opposed

"It soon became apparent to me despite pious rhetoric at press conferences, that the Nixon administration was not interested in civil rights. It is my contention that the Nixon administration is not only indifferent to fair housing but is actively opposing it by acts of commission and omission.

"As a result of this policy, the Federal Government is encouraging and perpetuating racial discrimination in housing, employment, and education," he declared.

Under the Fair Housing Act of 1968, HUD officials have the right to investigate and con-

duct fair housing, and promulgate fair housing standards on discrimination to private and public agencies, he said.

He contended that none of these functions is being carried out effectively.

Sherman Unger, HUD's general counsel, Mr. Affeldt said, has "exerted every effort to sabotage" the strong conciliation program that he tried to build.

Mr. Unger, according to Mr. Affeldt, contended that complainants were not entitled to receive damages, despite the fact that the courts were awarding damages for housing discrimination.

The general counsel also said that "we could not burden respondents with an affirmative action program which sought to eliminate future discrimination," Mr. Affeldt said.

#### Laws Recognized

He also said that "we could not conduct an in-depth investigation, and finally he sought to undermine the entire conciliation process by transposing upon it post conciliation hearings." This could lead to lengthy litigation, Mr. Affeldt contended.

#### Youth Is Shot

A 16-year-old youth, identified as Troy Montgomery, of 510 Lucas St., was shot during the gun battle that followed the officer's death. The youth came out of Panther headquarters carrying a long gun and a bandolier of ammunition, police said.

Young Montgomery was listed in critical condition at Mercy Hospital, where he underwent surgery several hours after being wounded about 2 a.m.

Larry Joe McClellan, 21, of 1027 Buckingham St., brother of the murder suspect, suffered minor wounds from shotgun pellets as he left the Panther headquarters. He was treated at Mercy Hospital.

Several pellets broke the skin on his left hand and wrist, police reported.

#### Rushed To Hospital

Patrolman Miscannon, a policeman more than 3½ years, was married and the father of four children. He died a few minutes after being rushed to Mercy Hospital.

When the officer was hit, Patrolman Shaw called for help on the police radio, then chased the gunman down Junction away from Dorr. He fired a number of shots, but missed.



# Gun Battle Fought At Black Panther Headquarters

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Two members of a morals squad, Detectives Arthur Walker and Larry Moreland, and other crews responded to the call for help. The detectives had been parked at Junction and Woodland avenues, reportedly observing some prostitutes on the street nearby, when they heard a gunshot and saw Patrolman Shaw pursuing a man.

Mr. McClellan was taken into custody near Junction and Pine-wood avenues, two blocks from the shooting scene.

"What's going on?"  
Patrolman Shaw reportedly quoted the man's response as, "This is what's going on."

The assailant reportedly pulled a silver handgun from his pocket, put his hand through the window, and fired once, hitting the patrolman at point-blank range.

A 38-caliber pistol, which police believe was the gun used in the fatal shooting, was found at 10:15 a.m. behind a garage at the rear of 1333 Woodland Ave., a short distance from where the suspect was arrested. The gun was in the grass and contained two spent shells and four live rounds of ammunition.

## Doubts Connection

Police Chief Anthony Bosch, calling the shooting "cold-blooded murder," said he did not think there was any connection between the early morning murder and gun battle and the two incidents late Thursday night.

Patrolman Shaw described the murder to fellow officers this way:

The two patrolmen were sitting in the wagon, parked next to the First National Bank branch at Dorr and Junction, with Patrolman Miscannon on the passenger side.

## 'What's Going On?'

A late model Cadillac drove up behind the wagon and a man got out, approaching the wagon on the curb side. Patrolman Miscannon asked the man,

The man charged with the murder is quoted in a police report, however, as saying the incidents were related.

Mr. McClellan, who said he was an unemployed laborer, was quoted by patrolmen as denying any part in the murder, but describing the connection

between incidents in this way:

In the police wagon which took Mr. McClellan from the arrest scene to the jail, he kept yelling that he wanted to get something off his chest and went willingly to the Safety Building "to get this thing straightened out."

Mr. McClellan told them that some Black Panthers had come to Toledo from Dayton "to get something started."

## Tells Of Meeting

There was, according to Mr. McClellan, a meeting at Panther headquarters, at which he was present. During the meeting, Mr. Dotson (the first arrested man's father) came to the door, highly upset, and wanted to be let in.

He said that the police had his son downtown and were beating him. "This was all the men from Dayton needed. They started to rile people up," the police report quoted Mr. McClellan as saying.

Mr. McClellan said he told them to "cool it," and was called "boot-licking." He said he left after this, and, after he was outside, heard shots, then fled.

Deputy Chief Erwin Oehlert, head of the police human relations bureau, said he had heard a rumor that Dayton men were in town to cause trouble, but that this was not confirmed.

Records show that Mr. McClellan was free on bond from an Aug. 29 arrest for possession of narcotics. He was due to appear in court on the charge Tuesday.

## Bond Was Lowered

Municipal Judge Reno Riley had set bond at \$1,000 following the Aug. 29 arrest, but this was lowered to \$500 by Judge Andy Devine when Mr. McClellan appeared in court two days later.

Police said the arrested man served three years in the Ohio State Reformatory, from 1963 to 1966, for armed robbery, and also has been arrested for numerous traffic violations.

The defendant was brought before Judge Devine this morning and his arraignment was continued to next Thursday at the request of his attorney, Robert Kaplan. Mr. McClellan is held without bond in the Safety Building.



—Blade Photo by Grover Cummins

## SMASHED WINDOW USED AS VANTAGE POINT

Carbine points at Black Panther headquarters

Police said that within seconds after Patrolman Miscannon was shot, gunfire rang out at police crews from inside the Panther headquarters.

Police returned the fire, and within minutes set up a command post at Dorr and Detroit Avenue, about a block away from the shooting scene. This later was moved to the No. 16 fire station on Detroit, and Deputy Chief Robert Duck was placed in charge of the operation.

## Additional Crews

Additional crews and equipment were summoned, including high-power rifles, weapons capable of shooting gas projectiles, and loud speakers.

Safety Director Clifford Quinn said there were no reports on the amount of gunfire, but that it was "an awful lot." He added that police also fired a lot of tear gas into the building.

At one time during the battle, police called for more tear gas canisters. At another, a sergeant said, "We've got the building saturated with gas now. Stop shooting, we're just wasting ammunition."

Safety Building for questioning.

Among those interrogated was Mike Cross, the Panthers' deputy defense minister. He was questioned for five hours after being taken to the Safety Building about 3 a.m.

Police said the last shot was fired from inside the building at 3:15 a.m., but they did not approach it until daylight about 8 a.m.

Two women who came out of the building said that there were two wounded men inside, but police kept away because they feared a trap. In addition, the building still was heavy with tear gas — even when police finally entered and found no one inside.



# ers After Officer Is Slain

Ray Wolford, of the crime prevention bureau, reportedly attempted to serve a warrant on James Virgil Dotson, 22, of 2826 North Detroit Ave., after they spotted him in his car.

Following a chase, they said, Mr. Dotson was caught and charged with having no operator's license, three counts of running stop signs, and resisting arrest.

## Hurt In Scuffle

Patrolmen James P. Langendorfer and Robert L. Dietrich, the wagon crew that took Mr. Dotson to jail, were injured in a scuffle with the prisoner, police reported.

About 1½ hours later, at 11:30 p.m., desk Sgt. Fred Freer received a telephone call from a woman who identified herself as Mr. Dotson's mother.

The caller said that the Black Panthers has been contacted and that the Safety Building would be bombed if Mr. Dotson was not released immediately.

About 20 minutes later, a group of men and women came to the downtown building.

Police reports show that many members of the group, estimated previously at 12 to 30 in number, remained at the front desk, and others went upstairs to the detective bureau, demanding Mr. Dotson's release.

They were about to leave, the reports said, when one of the women shouted an obscenity at a policeman, and was arrested. Sergeant Freer said that this arrest led to a "lot of scuffling."

Coincidentally, this was occurring about midnight, when the police crews were being relieved of duty and were just leaving the building.



**PATROLMAN SHAW**  
*Fired at killer*

The sergeant said that persons in the crowd called the police "pigs" and that led to much of the fighting.

Three men, a woman, and a 17-year-old youth all were arrested in the melee and lodged in the fifth-floor jail. Two of the men were injured and taken to Maumee Valley Hospital, where one remained throughout the night.

Three policemen also were reported injured — Sergeant Freer, who said he may have broken his hand when he punched one man in the nose, and Patrolmen Gary Koch and Richard Orlowski.

Those arrested in the Safety Building disturbance were identified as including two of Mr. Dotson's brothers and a sister-in-law.

Gerald Dotson, 23, of 2811 North Detroit, was charged with

interfering with police officers in performance of their duties; Brenda Ann Dotson, 19, of the same address, was charged with creating a disturbance, resisting arrest, and using obscene language, and Keith W. Dotson, 18, of 2826 North Detroit (also James Dotson's address), was charged with threatening in a menacing manner.

Also arrested was Robert Wayne Brownfield, 25, of 424½ Prescott St., charged with assault and battery on a police officer, disturbance, resisting arrest, and interfering with a police officer. The juvenile arrested is charged with creating a disturbance, and was placed in Child Study Institute.

Mr. Brownfield and Keith Dotson were taken to the hospital, where the Dotson youth remained all night.

Brenda and Gerald Dotson were released on bond, the others were held in jail.

Police arrested at least six other persons in the Dorr Street area in the hours following Patrolman Miscannon's murder. None apparently was connected with the shootings.

No additional policemen were called to duty during the night, but 12 crews scheduled to go off duty at 4 a.m. were ordered to stay on the job.

Five of the seven deputy police chiefs were called to duty before 3 a.m., along with Chief Bosch and Mr. Quinn. Also called to the Safety Building for processing search warrants were Municipal Judge Kenneth DeShetler, Robert Ward, a police prosecutor, and Ray Bloch, municipal Court clerk.

## Courtrooms Guarded

### After Judge Is Threatened

Tight security measures were taken in the courtroom of Municipal Judge Ira Bame and the

## What Can Be Done?

Pollution has created many problems. And we constantly hear about them.

But what can be done to solve these problems? Are there any solutions? Will we be able to swim in some of our streams again?

This coming Tuesday The Blade will publish a special section pollution containing the solutions to some of the problems, and what can be done in the future to avoid repeating the mistakes which created them.

Be sure you get your copy of this section. This coming Tuesday in The Blade.

other municipal courtrooms today after a reported telephone threat against the judge's life.

Two policemen escorted Judge Bame from his home to the Safety Building this morning, and a ring of uniformed and nonuniformed policemen cleared and searched his courtroom. The rooms were open only to those with court business, and they were searched before entering.

Ten uniformed policemen, four detectives, and a policewoman were assigned to overall court security, double the number of police normally used.

## Ensign Says Curfew Remains Possibility

At a news conference this morning, Mayor Ensign reviewed the events surrounding the shootings. He also said that there were no immediate plans for imposing a curfew but that a curfew remained a possibility.



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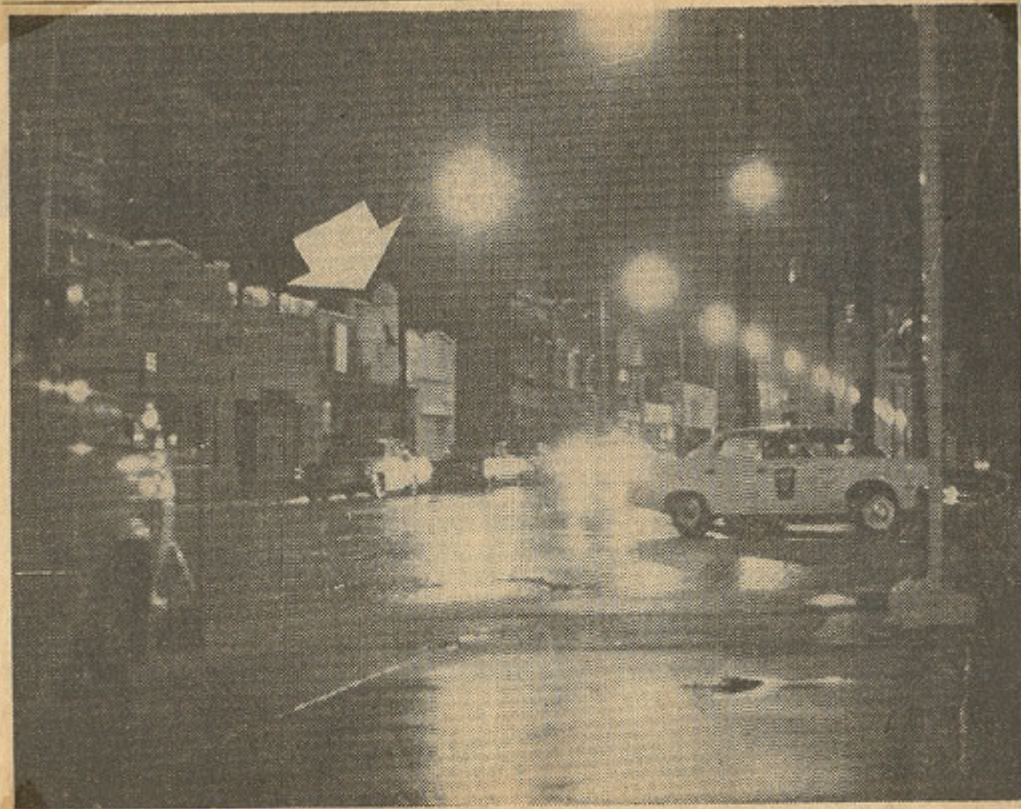
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## Scene Of Fatal Shooting

This was the scene of today's fatal shooting of Toledo Patrolman William Miscannon and subsequent shootout at the Black Panther headquarters, 1334 Dorr St.

At right, a police car turns at the rain-slicked intersection of Dorr and Junction Avenue just after the policeman was killed. The shooting occurred a few feet from the corner. The arrow points to the Panther headquarters.

The map at left shows the general area where police converged and where the exchanges of gunfire took place. No. 1 represents the patrol wagon, No. 2 the assailants' car, No. 3 the vice squad detectives' car, and No. 4 the spot where the suspect in the shooting was arrested. The arrow next to No. 2 indicates the direction in which the assailants' auto fled.



### Weapons Reported

Some weapons were located, however, police said.

The long gun and bandolier that police said had been carried by the wounded Montgomery youth when he was shot remained on the rainswept sidewalk throughout the night.

In making their move to enter, police shot the windows out of the Black Panther headquarters, and 20 heavily armed officers, led by Deputy Chief Robert Duck and Capt. Edward Sobczak, approached the door.

Using a powered speaker Captain Sobczak ordered anyone inside to surrender within two minutes or face gunfire.

When there was no response the front door was forced, and a search of the building began. Two carbines were found. One wedged against a refrigerator was left untouched. Police feared it was booby-trapped.

The inside of the building was barricaded, and freshly dug earth was found in the basement.

Dorr Street was closed to traffic indefinitely. The police patrol wagon in which Patrolman Miscannon was shot had not been moved, and the street was littered with glass from the Panther building and a men's shop across the street from which police fired the gas.

Mr. Cross, who described himself as "chairman of the steering committee of the Toledo National Committee to Combat Fascism," the Black Panther organizing group, appeared with police on the scene at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Cross charged the attack on the Panther building was completely unprovoked and also claimed that the Montgomery youth, who was shot, came out of the building with his hands up, but was shot by police.

The Black Panther leader accompanied police on a complete search of the building as soon as fans, set up by the fire division, cleared out the gas.

### Earlier Arrest

#### Set Off Scuffles

The murder and subsequent gun battle may have been tied to an arrest that occurred shortly before 10 p.m.

Detectives John Shafer and

Some police crews, sent to the rear of the building, located in a line of Dorr Street stores, also reported being fired upon.

Others were sent to check roofs, and some took positions atop buildings across from the Panther headquarters.

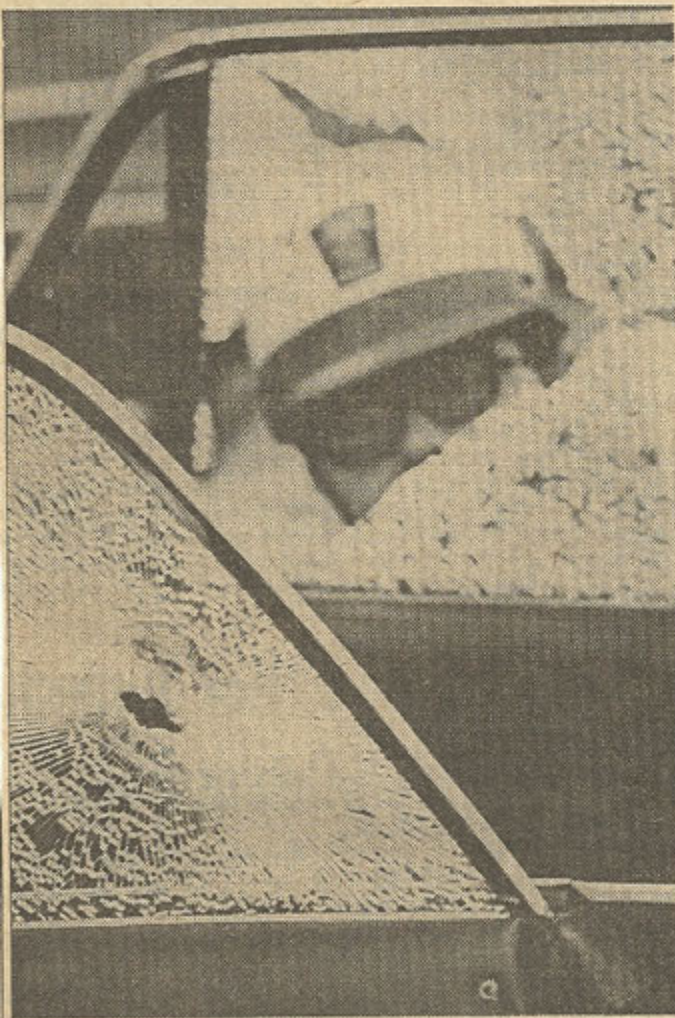
More than an hour after the gunfire started, a number of persons, including at least two women, came out of the building. They were taken to the



Dec 4, 1970

TEN CENTS

# Officer, 2 Gunmen Are Shot In \$67,000 Toledo Bank Holdup



GUNFIRE EXCHANGE SHATTERS WINDOW  
OF BANDITS' AUTO

Patrolman Robert Ahrens examines bullet holes at scene

## Collingwood Battle Follows Getaway Crash

A city policeman and two gunmen were shot minutes after the Toledo Trust Co. branch bank at Collingwood Boulevard and West Central Avenue was robbed of \$66,981 shortly before 10 a.m. today.

Patrolman James Dziewiatka, 27, 5540 Goodwood Ave., was shot in the leg as he pursued one of the bandits in the 400 block of Victoria Place as the gunman fled on foot when the getaway car was blocked on Collingwood. His condition is reported as good at St. Vincent Hospital.

Frederick M. Conti, 39, of Cleveland, identified as one of the gunmen, suffered a minor bullet wound in his leg and Stanley J. Uziel, 52, also of Cleveland, the second suspect, was wounded by shotgun pellets fired by Patrolman Dziewiatka, and by pistol fire from Detective Timothy Borkowski, police reported. Uziel is reported in critical condition in Mercy Hospital.

### Car Halted By Crash

The gun battle broke out as the holdup car drove into traffic on Collingwood and struck a passing car as Patrolmen Dziewiatka and his partner, William Wood, arrived.

The policemen opened fire, shooting two windows out of the bandit car and the gunmen returned the fire, one slug going through the police car windshield.



Uziel ran from the car, about a block, to Victoria Place, pursued by Patrolmen William Wood and Dziewiatka, who was armed with a shotgun, and Detective Borkowski. The patrolmen was shot in the leg and fell to the ground, then shot the fleeing bandit, 12 buckshot from the riot gun striking Uziel in the face and chest as Detective Borkowski shot him with his pistol.

Meanwhile, Conti, who opened fire from behind the stalled getaway car, was exchanging shots with Patrolman Wood and Patrolman Donald Rogers. He surrendered, apparently after running out of bullets, police said, and suffering a minor leg wound.

#### Money In Pillow Case

The stolen money was found in a pillow case on the seat of the 1968 getaway car after the gun battle ended.

The holdup started when the two men came in the back door of the bank, the one identified as Conti armed with a .45-caliber submachine gun while the other had a .38-caliber police special. Both weapons and a snub-nosed revolver were found by police after the shootout.

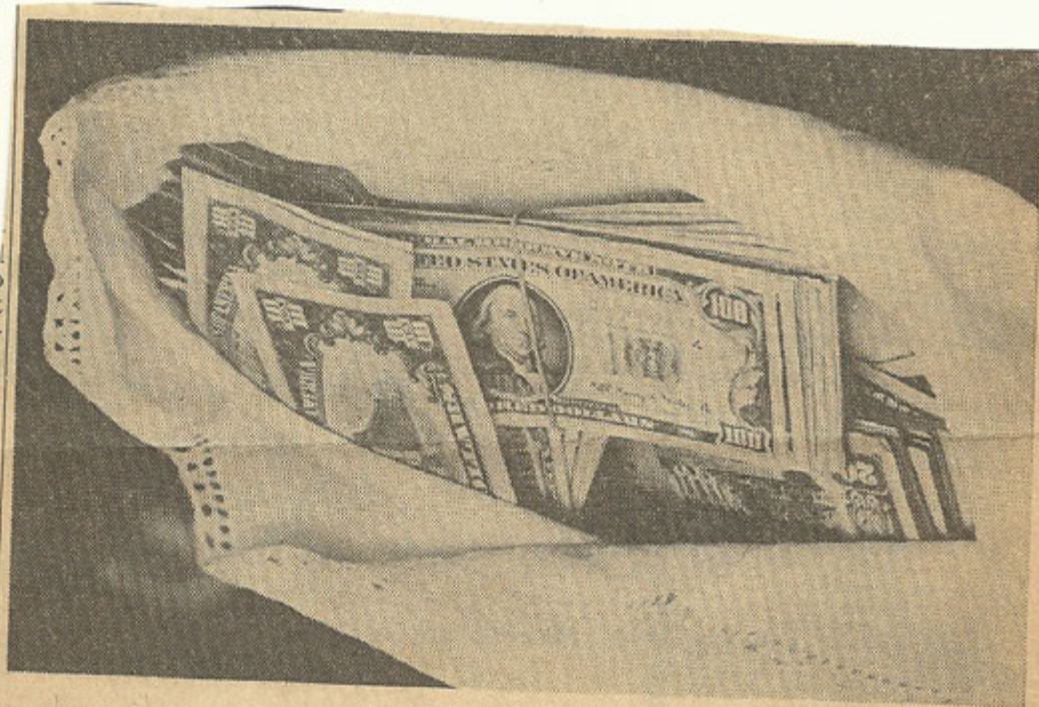
About 15 patrons were in the bank at the time as one of the men ordered, "Stand still."

Customers were lined up against the south wall of the building and ordered to keep their hands over their heads.

#### One Guards Occupants

The bandit with the sub-machine gun stood by the door, while the second man jumped over the counter and went to the drive-in window, where he emptied out the cash drawer, then took all currency from the eight other teller cages.

Donna Hahn, one of the tellers, moved slightly and the gunman gave her a push and said, "Stand still or we'll blow all your heads off."



—Blade Photos by Dick Greene

**CASH FROM FOILED BANK HOLDUP FOUND ON SEAT OF GETAWAY CAR**  
*Bound bills shown in pillowcase were part of estimated \$70,000 robbery attempt*



# 3 Shot In Holdup

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When she was pushed Miss Hahn was able to set off a hold-up alarm. The call was broadcast by police at 10 a.m., and cruisers began converging on the scene.

Charles Wagner, 81, of 2839 Glenwood Ave., started into the bank as the bandits reached the door to leave. He was grabbed by one of them, who took Mr. Wagner's wallet, containing about \$60, then knocked him down.

George Rogers, of 224 Maryland Ave., a city inspection department employee approached the door, saw what was happening and backed away, going toward his car.

At this point, Mrs. Doris Owen, of 2005 Joffre Ave., and Mrs. Marie Pitts, of 2516 Maplewood Ave., came in the driveway from Collingwood. Mr. Rogers motioned for them to back up, but a car behind them forced them into a parking place as the two gunmen ran out of the bank and got into the getaway car.

As the bandits drove into the stream of traffic south on Collingwood, they ran into the auto of Jesse Whitaker, 67, of 3176 Maplewood. The bandit car was knocked sideways across the traffic lane as Patrolmen Ezie-wiatka and Wood arrived and the gun battle started.

Patrolman Dzie-wiatka's wife, Bonnie, a nurse, was on duty at

St. Vincent emergency room when her husband was brought in. He was admitted to the hospital where his condition is reported as good.

Conti, who was released on 7-year parole from the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg last March 27 after serving a sentence for bank larceny, was treated for a minor wound and taken to the Safety Building.

Both suspects are being held on charges of malicious entry into a financial institution.

## Bullet Pierces Home, Nearly Strikes Widow

A bullet pierced the wall of a home at 426 Victoria Place and passed over a chair vacated seconds before by Mrs. Marie Calcamuggio, 74-year-old widow who lives there.

Mrs. Calcamuggio said she had just left the chair in her dining room and entered the living room when she heard two shots. Investigating, she found plaster near the chair. A bullet, which also pierced an inner wall of the home was found on the floor nearby.

Mrs. Calcamuggio said she then looked out a window and saw a man lying in the yard of her neighbor, Mrs. Athena Spiliopoulos, 432 Victoria, who also is a widow.

The two homes are about 1,000 feet from the bank.

"It's a miracle," Mrs. Calcamuggio kept repeating between sobs as she related the experi-

ence to her son, Milton, Jr., and his wife.

"I could be dead now," she said, noting that the chair in which she had been sitting was in the path of the bullet.

## Resident Witnesses Exchange Of Gunfire

Mrs. Charles Conti, of 436 Victoria Place, no relation to the arrested man, said she was fixing breakfast in her kitchen at the rear of her house when she heard shooting. She looked out of the kitchen window and saw a man in a gray suit running down the adjacent alley shooting behind him as he ran.

A policeman was chasing him, also firing his gun, she said.

Mrs. Conti went to the front of her house and saw the man in the gray suit, standing on the sidewalk and firing back at the alley, she said. She didn't see the policeman, who was later found wounded on ground beside a bush on her lawn.

Two or three police cars arrived and the policemen chased the man in the gray suit down the street, Mrs. Conti said.

Mr. Conti, who had been awakened by the shooting, said he went out a few minutes later, and saw policemen drag the man in a gray suit, now apparently wounded, down the street and place him in an ambulance.

## Pupils Nearly Caught In Gun Battle At Bank

Nine Blessed Sacrament School thirdgraders had some unscheduled excitement during a field trip this morning.

They were en route back to

school from a visit to the Toledo Museum of Art in a station wagon driven by Mrs. Joseph Duszynski, 2271 Castlewood Dr., when they encountered the getaway car on Collingwood.

As squad cars went roaring by, sirens sounding, Mrs. Duszynski stopped just short of the crossfire between police and bandits.

The mother said her young charges were so excited that she was unable to get them to lie on the floor of the car as instructed.





**JAMES DZIEWIATKA**

*Shot by fleeing bandit.*



**WILLIAM WOOD**

*1 of 4 commended for efforts*



**TIMOTHY BORKOWSKI**

*Detective aided in capture*



**DONALD ROGERS**

*On force only 12 months*



# \$200,000 Bonds Set For 2 Men Captured In Branch Bank Holdup

Dec 5 1970

## Each Suspect Faces 2 Charges Following Gunfight With Police

Bonds of \$200,000 each have been set for the two men charged with holding up the Toledo Trust Co. branch bank at Collingwood Boulevard and West Central Avenue Friday morning.

A city patrolman and the two accused men were wounded in a gun battle that ended in their arrest.

Frederick M. Conti, 39, and Stanley J. Uziel, 52, both of Cleveland, have been charged with robbery and malicious entry of a financial institution and shooting with intent to kill or wound a police officer. Municipal Court Judge Ira Bame set the bonds—\$150,000 each for the robbery charges and \$50,000 each for the shooting charges.

Patrolman James Dziewiatka, 27, was shot in the leg while pursuing one of the suspects and is in good condition in St. Vincent Hospital.

Uziel is in critical condition in Mercy Hospital, suffering from multiple wounds from a shotgun and a revolver.

### Money Recovered

The gunmen had taken \$66,981 from the bank. The money was found afterward in a pillow case in the 1968 stolen getaway car.

Patrolmen Dziewiatka, William Wood, and Donald Rogers and Detective Timothy Borkowski, the policemen who participated in the gun battle and eventually apprehended the suspects, were commended afterward by city officials.

Mayor Ensign said, "I hope the word is getting out to bank robbers that Toledo is a bad place to hold up a bank."

"It demonstrates the eagerness of the officers to get involved and speaks well of their training. It demonstrates that every community continually needs someone in the front-line trenches, and the police represent that front-line protection."

He added that the robbery shows the city that the police cannot be laid off and must have first priority. He was referring to a layoff of 258 city workers ordered Friday, and the possibility that 18 policemen might be laid off later.

Injured policeman told fellow officers that he had not tried to hit the fleeing bandit until after he had been wounded himself.

Patrolman Dziewiatka is a golfer and attended the University of Indiana for a while on a golf scholarship. But he decided that college was not for him and returned to Toledo to be a policeman.

After being placed in the ambulance, he asked to be taken to St. Vincent, where his wife Connie, a nurse, was working in the emergency room.

### Praise From FBI Agent

An FBI agent, unidentified, who was working on the case, said, "The police did a hell of a job at today's bank robbery."

Police said three guns were used in the robbery. A .38-caliber police special, allegedly used by Uziel, had six empty cartridges. It was discovered that this weapon had been stolen in Boston.

A .38-caliber snub-nosed revolver, with five spent cartridges, and a .45-caliber semi-automatic long gun, apparently not fired, were recovered near the car where Conti was captured.

The getaway car had been stolen earlier in the day from Richard Quinn, of 2019 Giant St. Mr. Quinn was doubly vexed by robbers Friday. He went to Buddy's Bar, 711 Marmion St., earlier in the day to get his paycheck cashed, but he discovered that a holdup man previously had taken all the money there.

Then he returned to work at Champion Spark Plug Co., where police found him and told him that his car had been stolen from the parking lot and used in the Toledo Trust robbery.

### Check Wasn't Cashied

Although there was at one time \$66,981 on the back seat of his car, Mr. Quinn never did get his check cashied.

Conti's 1967 model car was found in a shopping center parking lot at Dorr Street and Reynolds Road, where he told police he had left it after coming to Toledo from Cleveland about 8:30 a.m. Friday. The robbery

occurred shortly before 10 a.m.

The robbery provided a slight interruption for Friday's City Council meeting—at least until the severity of Patrolman Dziewiatka's injuries were known.

After City Manager Gross announced the city workers who would be laid off, Safety Director Clifford Quinn came into the council chambers and whispered something to Mr. Gross, who whispered to someone else, and the message eventually got to Vice Mayor Kessler, chairman of the meeting, who immediately gavelled the meeting adjourned.

After a minute, when he learned the extent of the injuries, he changed his ruling and called the meeting in recess. Business resumed after about 20 minutes.

### Wounded Second Time

Both Uziel and Conti have served sentences previously in the Ohio Penitentiary on robbery-related charges, and for Uziel, Friday marked the second time he had been wounded by police.

Uziel was shot three times in 1959 by state highway patrolmen as he attempted to escape from the rear door of Western & Southern Life Insurance Co., Steubenville, O., which he and three others—including Toledoan John Mossi—had robbed. He was convicted and served six years.

In 1939, he was convicted of robbery in Cuyahoga County and served 8½ years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Conti served from 1958 to 1961 in the Ohio Reformatory, before being transferred to the state penitentiary, where he served from 1961 to 1962, all on charges of assault with intent to rob and breaking and entering. He violated parole in 1963.

Conti also served a sentence for bank larceny in the Lewisburg, O., federal penitentiary. He was released on a seven-year parole March 27.

### Holdup At Another Branch Also Involved Gun Battle

The last time that a Toledo Trust branch was held up, a gun battle with police also ensued.



### Relatively Short Service

All four policemen involved in the apprehension are relatively new in terms of service.

Detective Borkowski is the senior of the group, with 5½ years on the force. Patrolman Wood has nearly 3 years, Patrolman Dziewiatka has nearly 2 years, and Patrolman Rogers has about 18 months.

Police Chief Anthony Bosch particularly praised Patrolman Dziewiatka. "Even after he was downed by the suspect's bullet and under fire, he maintained composure and returned the fire, shooting the suspect and initially felling him."

On his way to the hospital, the

## Club Endorses Captain Shelton For Chief's Job

The Toledo chapter of Frontiers International, Inc., has endorsed Police Capt. Roy Shelton for appointment as Toledo's new chief of police, according to Dr. Benjamin W. Butler, president of the Negro service club.

The club, in letters to Mayor Ensign and City Manager Gross, called Captain Shelton, a member of the police division's community relations bureau, "one of the most qualified" applicants for the post.

Police Chief Anthony Bosch must retire at the end of the year because of the city's mandatory retirement age of 65.

On Dec. 16, 1968, three gunmen robbed the branch at 3360 Stickney Ave. Rudolph Hudson, 36 of Cleveland, was captured after being wounded in a gun duel with Patrolman Henny Ellis. A second holdup man, David Grant, 37, of Cleveland, was captured a short time later.

They had taken a woman bank customer, Mrs. Phyllis Vargo as a captive. As they dragged her out of the bank, Grant riddled a patrol wagon with a sawed-off shotgun. Mrs. Vargo was not hurt.

The third gunman, Kenneth Jones, 39, of Cleveland, was captured Apr. 29, 1969, in San Francisco by the FBI.

A Utica, N. Y., woman was arrested in February, 1969, and charged with being an accessory after the fact in the robbery.



# Police Find Dynamite

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After taking Respress into custody police sealed off the Safety Building and began a search for a bomb.

"I checked with the girls working in the clerk's (municipal Court) office, and they said the guy had been hanging around the bathroom at the end of the hall," the sergeant said. "When I opened the door, I found what looked like a bomb there."

Sergeant Grodi said he alerted other officers searching the building, including the shift lieutenant, Lt. Sidney O'Dell.

"Lieutenant O'Dell grabbed the thing and threw it out the window onto the lawn, and then we went out to see what it was," Sergeant Grodi said.

The package found in the public restroom, which is near two municipal courtrooms at the northeast end of the building, was determined by crime lab personnel to be six sticks of dynamite bound together with a length of cord.

## Flame Gone Out

Although an attempt had been made to ignite the end of the cord, the flame had apparently gone out before reaching the dynamite itself, police said. The dynamite had no detonating device connected to set it off, police added.

Detectives investigating the case interviewed Respress at the hospital, but declined to release any details of the conversation. They offered no reason the suspect may have had for attempting to set off explosives in the building, which houses the offices of police division and city government officials, the city jail, and the chambers of municipal court judges, in addition to courtrooms.

The detectives did not speculate on how Respress may have entered the building, but other officers said gaining access would not be difficult.

"I'm sure he just walked in some door," Sergeant Grodi said. "We've complained about the security of the building for years, and this time it could have cost some lives."

## Entrance In View

Public access to the building is supposed to be limited to a single front entrance near the sergeant's desk, police officials said. Police officers also enter

through the open garage doors at the Jackson Street side of the building.

Both of those entrances are in view of the sergeant's desk, where at least one officer should be on duty at all times, police said.

But Sergeant Grodi said there have been other cases of doors to the building being left open at night or on weekends, and that a person entering from one of those entrances would have access to any part of the building.

A person entering the police door during a busy period, such as a shift change, or one entering on the pretense of paying a fine or visiting a prisoner would also have access to all floors.

## To Tighten Security

Acting Chief Ray Vetter said today that he will meet with deputy chiefs to discuss ways to tighten security at the Safety Building. He added that police are attempting to determine where the dynamite was obtained.

The federal alcohol, tobacco and firearms bureau also is investigating, as it does in all bomb cases.

Donald Shanteau, safety director, said today that he thought the placing of the bomb was an isolated case and "security is not all that bad."

With the clerk's office open 24 hours a day, it is difficult to secure the first floor, he said. Consideration is being given to blocking off all but the first floor and stationing a policeman at the door to escort persons to the clerk's office after regular working hours, he said.

## Respress Scheduled In Court On Friday

Respress was scheduled to appear in Municipal Court Friday on a charge of creating a disturbance and resisting arrest.

He was arrested April 28, according to court records, when he allegedly threatened a man at Detroit Avenue and Bancroft Street, and struggled with police when they tried to confiscate a knife.

# Police Find Dynamite Hidden In Safety Bldg.

*Blade Sept. 15, 1975*

## Fleeing Man Wounded Earlier In Exchange Of Shots With Officers

A man was shot and seriously wounded early Sunday in a running gun battle with Toledo police when he fled from the Safety Building. Police later found six sticks of dynamite in a first-floor restroom.

Police identified the man as Grady K. Respress, 35, of 2035 Elliott Ave. He is listed in serious condition with multiple shotgun wounds at St. Vincent Hospital, where he is under police guard.

Respress is charged with two counts of attempted aggravated murder and one count of attempted aggravated arson in connection with the incident.

Bond for Respress was set at a total of \$110,000 today by Municipal Judge Gary Gabriel.

## Seen Near Building

As police recount the incident, a man was first seen near the entrance to a police assembly room on the first floor of the Safety Building about 1:55 a.m.

Sgt. Norman Grodi said he had just relieved the previous desk sergeant when he saw the man and attempted to determine what he was doing in that area of the building.

The man ran past the sergeant's desk and through a door-

way leading to the Safety Building garage. Sergeant Grodi said he gave chase and called for other nearby officers to assist. As they emerged from the garage onto Jackson Street, the suspect opened fire on them.

When the policemen returned fire, "he ducked down behind a car near the corner (of Jackson and Spielbusch Avenue), and we spread out around there," Sergeant Grodi said. He added that the man may have been hit by police gunfire by that time, because when he resumed running east on Spielbusch he was moving more slowly.

## Others Join Pursuit

The sergeant said the man apparently also reloaded his own handgun at that time, and continued to fire at officers, running when they took time to reload.

The original pursuing officers were joined by other police crews and sheriff's deputies who helped trail the man to the area of the new county jail construction site on Spielbusch.

"I lost sight of him for a few minutes, but we knew he had gone up Spielbusch, so we searched around there," Sergeant Grodi said.

The man was finally spotted crouching in a concrete window well at the U.S. Court and Custom House, 1716 Spielbusch. The suspect had been hit by both pistol and shotgun fire from police before he stopped running, the sergeant said.

No police officers were injured in the episode.

Sergeant Grodi said that he took a pistol, a knife, and three ammunition belts from the man. The belts contained 24 rounds of ammunition, the sergeant said.

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The most utterly lost of all days, is that in which you have not once laughed.—Shamfort.

TOLEDO, OHIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1969



## Police Force Promotes 2 To Captain, 4 To Lieutenant, And 6 To Sergeant

### Several Changes Result From Officers' Retirement

Twelve police promotions, including two captains, four lieutenants and six sergeants, were announced today by Chief Anthony Bosch.

Elwood E. Dernlan and Edward C. Sobczak were promoted to captain in changes resulting from several retirements.

Captain Dernlan, 46, of 5506 Yermo Rd., will be assigned to the uniform force and will command a shift. He was appointed to the division Feb. 1, 1950, and was promoted to sergeant in January, 1958, and to lieutenant

in March, 1966. Captain Dernlan has three children.

#### Second In Command

Captain Sobczak, 45, will be second in command of the police academy under Captain Merl Gladieux, preparing to take over upon the mandatory retirement of Captain Gladieux at the end of 1970, Chief Bosch said.

A policeman since Dec. 16, 1948, Captain Sobczak was promoted to sergeant Feb. 1, 1957, and to lieutenant four years ago today. The father of four children, he and his family reside at 2708 Densmore Dr.

The new lieutenants are Milton E. Hoffman, Jr., Walter Niemiec, Ronald L. Marr, and Richard L. Hamrick.

Lieutenant Niemiec, 46, of 828 Cloverdale Rd., will be in charge of the burglary squad in the detective bureau, replacing Lieutenant Harold Fauble who is retiring.

He was appointed to the division Oct. 1, 1949, promoted to sergeant in March, 1960, and has been with the burglary squad nine years. He has three children.

Lieutenant Marr, 41, will remain a detective with the special squad. He was appointed to the division in April, 1953, and was promoted to sergeant in August, 1965.

He has been in the detective bureau since 1965. The father of four children, he resides at 3529 Almeda Dr.

Homer L. Smith, Warren H. Dick, Norman D. Grodi, Walter L. Voyles, and Frederick W. Freer.

Sergeant Boyle, 43, of 2344 Castlewood Dr., one of several brothers in police work, joined the division April 16, 1953, and has been assigned to the crime prevention bureau several years. He will remain there. He has four children.

Sergeant Smith, 32, has been with the division 10 years and is assigned to a uniform shift. He has five children and lives at 5334 Main St., Sylvania.

Sergeant Dick, 37, of 5236 Calyx Lane, joined the division in October, 1958, and is assigned to the uniform division. He has three children.

#### Appointed In 1960

Sergeant Grodi, 32, of 5243 Fortune Dr., was appointed as a policeman in July of 1960. He is the father of two children.

Sergeant Voyles, 32, who will remain in the communications bureau, joined the division Dec. 16, 1958. The father of three, he resides at 538 Federman St.

Sergeant Freer, 38, of 420 South Hawley St., was appointed to the police division Sept. 16, 1955. He will remain with the uniform ranks.

### THEY GOT PROMOTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Above, from left, Captains Sobczak and Dernlan; below, from left, Lieutenants Hoffman, Hamrick, Niemiec, and Marr



—Blade Photo



Lieutenant Hoffman, 41, of 414 Arcadia Ave., joined the division in 1954, and was promoted to sergeant in February of 1964. He will remain with the detective bureau. He has four children.

A policeman since Oct. 1, 1957, Lt. Lieutenant Hamrick, 39, was promoted to sergeant Dec. 24, 1965. He will remain a detective with the crime prevention bureau. He has four children and lives at 2874 South 109th St.

#### Promoted To Sergeant

Moving to the rank of sergeant are Daniel J. Boyle,

#### To Replace Sergeant

In addition to the promotions, Chief Bosch announced that Patrolman William Corwin will replace retiring Sgt. Thomas Prosser as head of motorized vehicles assigned to the police division.

He has been working under Sergeant Prosser for 10 years, and will be assisted by Patrolman Charles Parton, previously assigned to the property room.

Patrolman Charles Diefenbach will be assigned to the property room. He previously was with the communications bureau.



# ★ ★ ★ 5 Other Top Officers To Retire

The Toledo police division will lose 178 years of experience this month with the retirement of six command officers.

In addition to Deputy Chief Vetter, the retirees are:

► Capt. Patrick McNulty, 61, head of the crimes against property section. Captain McNulty joined the division in 1954 and was promoted to sergeant in 1965, lieutenant in 1969, and captain in 1972.

► Lt. Dale Wagner, 57, assigned to the field operations bureau on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift. Lieutenant Wagner joined the division in 1957 and was promoted to sergeant in 1973 and lieutenant in 1977.

► Lt. Vincent DiPofi, 54, assigned to the 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. uniformed directed patrol shift. Lieutenant DiPofi joined the division in 1958 and was promoted to sergeant in 1972 and lieutenant in 1976.

► Sgt. George Thabit, 58, secretary of police. Sergeant Thabit joined the division in 1956 and was promoted to sergeant in 1969.

► Sgt. Norman Grodi, 49, who is assigned to the records section. Sergeant Grodi was appointed to the division in 1960 and to sergeant in 1970.

With the six retirements, the division's strength will stand at 732 by mid-November. The authorized strength is 750.

The division's strength is expected to be 748 by the end of February, when 16 recruits are expected to graduate from the division's academy.

By mid-November, there will be two vacancies for deputy chief. Promotions to those slots and existing vacancies will create three captain openings, five for lieutenant, and six for sergeant.



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## A Policeman's Life

Becky Edwards

I'd hate to live a Policeman's life—  
It's bad enough being a Policeman's  
wife.

I shudder to think of how it would be  
If my fellow mankind had to depend  
on me.

I don't know how they go on day  
after day;

The good Lord knows it can't be for  
the pay.

And the kind of life that he has to  
lead—

It takes a real man, a special kind of  
breed.

He has to answer all types of calls  
From barking dogs to drunken brawls;  
And a small child who has lost his  
way

Safely returned home till another  
day.

He never knows when there will be a  
gun or knife;

He never knows when someone may  
take his life.

But he'll be ready if this happens to  
him

For he knows in his heart, crime will  
never win.

Yet there are times when he curses  
the day

That he's a Policeman, and on his  
way

To break the news that a loved one  
died.

He dies a little, too, down deep in-  
side.

But he gets his reward when he hears  
someone say,

"There must be some way that I can  
repay—

I'll thank God in heaven for men like  
you,

For without you, what on this Earth  
would we do."

He walks away trying to keep his  
eyes dry;

For in his heart he understands just  
why

That he took that oath and pledged  
his all.

He'll go on doing his best to defend  
the law.

Yes, I would hate to live a Police-  
man's life,

But I am proud to be a Policeman's  
wife!



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# "IF"

JAMES R. HOWERTON

Chief of Police  
Middletown

*If you can practice tolerance when all about you,  
are the object of intolerance;*

*If you can deal in human filth without letting  
part of it rub off on you;*

*If you can wash a victim's blood from your uni-  
form and treat it as the dust of your profession;*

*If you can take the broken body of a small child  
from a screaming mother's arms and hold back  
emotion;*

*If you can see the citizens of your town convict  
you without a trial and still believe in Human  
Rights;*

*If you can helplessly watch the courts dismiss a  
confessed killer and still believe in justice;*

*If you can see your child belittled by their friends  
because you are a "Cop" and still treat them as  
friends;*

*If you can hear planned lies told about you and  
become more determined and not disgusted;*

*If you can guarantee rights to all while they are  
denied to you, and still believe in the Bill of Rights;*

*If you can accept oral praise rather than salary  
raise, because it is politically popular, and not com-  
plain;*

*If you can attend church on Sunday with the  
same people who cursed you on Saturday night and  
still see some good in all people;*

*If you can accept a salary less than most welfare  
cases and still support your family;*

*If you can accept all these things, my friend, and  
not become bitter then you are a policeman.*



## ***Tells-Why Police May Be Delayed***

**To the Editor of The Blade:**

Have you ever placed a call for our city's finest and wondered when they would arrive to answer your call?

Have you ever given it a second thought — that they may be miles away giving chase to a speed demon, an inebriated driver who is endangering lives, that they may be answering a call for help, aiding a person that has been thrown through a windshield because of a careless driver? That they may be investigating a mysterious parked car, a hit-skip accident or maybe they have just stopped a suspicious looking occupant in a car, just a routine job for them, but especially dangerous?

Maybe someone has turned in a false alarm, or a real fire, malicious destruction, burglary, larceny, etc.

Do you know that "Mr. Dispatcher," always on his toes too, sends out "Hurry it up, boys, I understand it's a bad accident"; "watch yourself, report of a gun involved," or "a man with a knife"; "investigate boys playing in a danger zone"; a lost child, a stolen bike. Actually no matter how trivial or most important, they answer them all, it's a never-ending job.

So they will get to you as soon as possible.

Three cheers for the men in blue.

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## In Spite Of Any Reports To Contrary, Policemen Are Human Beings - Really

Policemen, believe it or not, are human. They come in both sexes, but mostly male. They also come in various sizes. This sometimes depends on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, they are mostly big.

men are found everywhere, on land, on sea, in the cities and sometimes in

your hair. In spite of the fact that "you can't find one when you want one," they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up a phone.

Policemen deliver lectures, babies and bad news.

They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb and muscles of

steel, and are often accused of having a heart to match. He's the one who rings the doorbell, swallows hard, and announces the passing of a loved one, then spends the rest of the day wondering why he ever took such a crummy job.

On TV, a policeman is an oaf, who couldn't find a bull fiddle inside a telephone booth.

In real life, he's expected to find a little blond boy "about so high" in a crowd of a half million people.

In fiction he gets his help from private eyes, reporters and "who-dun-it" fans. In real life, mostly all he gets from the public is "I didn't see nuttin'."

When he serves a summons  
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## Policemen Are Human

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he is a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids, he's either a friend or a bogeyman, depending on how the parents feel about it.

He works "around the clock," split shifts, Sundays and holidays, and it always kills him when a joker says, "Hey, tomorrow is Election Day, I'm off, let's go fishing." (That's the day he works 20 hours.)

A policeman is like a little girl, who, when she was good, was very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid.

When a policeman is good, he's a "grafter and that goes for the rest of them, too."

When he shoots a stick-up man, he's a hero, except when the stick-up man is "only a kid, anybody coulda seen that."

Lots of them have homes, some of them are covered with ivy, but most of them with mortgages. If he drives a big car, he's a chiseler; a little car, "who's he kidding?"

His credit is good; that's very helpful, because his salary isn't.

Policemen raise lots of kids; most of them belong to other people.

A policeman sees more misery, bloodshed, trouble and sunrises than the average person. Like the postman, a policeman must also be out in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate, but his outlook on life remains the same: mostly a blank, but hoping for a better world.

Policemen like days off, vacations and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights and anonymous letter writers. They have an association, but they do not strike. They must be impartial, courteous and always remember the slogan, "at

## Human Beings-Really

your service." This is sometimes hard, especially when a character reminds him, "I'm a taxpayer, I pay your salary."

Policemen get medals for saving lives, stopping runaway horses, and shooting it out with bandits (once in a while, his widow gets the medal).

But sometimes the most rewarding moment comes when, after some small kindness to an older person, he feels the warm clasp, looks into grateful eyes, and hears, "Thank you and God bless you, son."

(Author Unknown)