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D. Perzynski, LB Tracy, JS Connors, Chief Herbert, UNK





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June 21st, 1938.

Mr. John S. Connors,
Detective, Division of Police,
Toledo, O.

Dear Sir:-

It is with regret that I notify you that, in compliance with City Ordinance No. 183-36, your services in this division will terminate as of June 30th, 1938.

I wish to commend you on your services which have been of the highest type, and for the credit you have been to the Division of Police.

I sincerely trust you will have a happy and prosperous future.

Respectfully,

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Cy/ City Manager

R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

JOHN N. EDY
City Manager

July 1st, 1938.

Police Board,
Police Dept.

Gentlemen:-

Kindly place me on pension of July 1st, 1938.
I entered service June 4th, 1904.

Respectfully,

John S. Connors
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Detective.

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

C H I E F

MARCH 11TH, 1953.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THAT PENSIONED POLICE OFFICER JOHN S. CONNORS DIED AT 3.30 THIS A.M.

JOHN CONNORS WAS APPOINTED PATROLMAN JUNE 4, 1904, PROMOTED TO SERGEANT-DETECTIVE AGU. 31, 1912, AND TO LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE DEC. 28TH, 1913, AND PENSIONED JULY 1ST, 1938.

HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AND WELL AND WAS HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BY FELLOW OFFICERS AND OUR CITIZENS.

BODY LIES IN STATE; MURPHY-ROACH MORTUARY, 1855 COLLINGWOOD.

SERVICES; FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH; AT MORTUARY AT 9.00 A.M., AND AT HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL AT 9.30 A.M.

BURIAL; CALVARY CEMETERY.

MOTORCYCLE ESCORT WILL ACCOMPANY BODY FROM FUNERAL HOME TO CHURCH TO CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS; THE GRAND CHILDREN.

FLAGS AT ALL STATION WILL BE AT HALF-MAST UNTIL AFTER FUNERAL.

R. E. ALLEN,
CHIEF OF POLICE.

ARRANGEMENTS; APPROVED;
WM. KIRK,
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY.

John Connors turned in badge belonging to his father, who
died 3-11-53

F. Gockerman
3-16-53.

DAILY-REPORTS-FOR-DUTIES

FROM

JAN. 1, 1917

TO

JULY 23, 1918

DET. CONNORS,

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6-8-18 Reported for duty at 8 am
 with Salhoff + I went to Montelova to look for
 an Oakland auto we went to Cherry + Superior
 to look at a car it was OK. We done
 general duty around town until after
 the parade we went to Kennedys food
 store with Carl + Sally to look for Bill
 Kennedy we went to 52nd Duvida St. + saw led
 we went home at 6 pm

Respectfully Submitted to
 Inspector Delehanty
 J. S. Cronos

6-8-18 Reported for duty at 8 am

6-10-18 Rep
 Salhoff + I
 took Mr. G
 was aban
 we done
 looked up
 to Locustwo
 ford auto

6-11-18

J. S. Connor

5-30-18 Reported for duty at 8 am Valhoff
& I went to 1404 Jefferson ave. & Brought five
fellows to the station named Smiley M. Ginn's
Downey Wideman & another fellow who had a
Maxwell Car with Mich. Lic found them etc. Went to
1900 13th St Canton where a man bought a V. Ten wagon
found out who wagon was bought from went to
Nicholas st Fossett st & took in several Garages
went home at 6 pm

Respectfully Submitted to
Inspector Delehanty
J. S. Connor

5-12-18 Sunday Off

5-13-18 Reported for duty at 8 am
 went to Common Pleas Court was there until
 noon after dinner went to Erie Michigan to
 look up a fellow that was arrested in Monroe
 Mich with two tires he was supposed to have a
 car near the state line Done General duty
 until 5 pm Went Home

Respectfully Submitted to
 Inspector Delehaunty
 J. S. Connors

5-14-18 Reported for duty at 8 am
 Dalhoff & I was in Court until 10³⁰ Went
 to several Garages looking up auto

5-15-18 Reported
 & I went to the
 to the Court &
 Johnsons Co
 after supper
 Coliseum

5-16-18
 Dalhoff &
 up auto
 west Pol

8-2-18 Reported for duty at 8 am
Bartley & I went to 2700 block on Glenwood ave
to look up a Stearns auto that was left standing
there all night we found the owner he told us
his car went bad on him & he couldn't get it
started after dinner Culver myself & others
Went to 417 Superior St & arrested about
27 fellows in a bootlegging joint Daly &
I went to stop 15 on Toledo & Western to look
up a motorcycle that was left there it belonged
to a Mr. Lawrence Keller Ottawa Lake Mich
Came back to office & went to Belmont Hotel
& arrested about 20 or 25 men & women for
being in a bootlegging joint took
beer & whiskey to station went home
at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted to
Inspector DeLhamm
J. J. Connor

TOLEDO BLADE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1953

Horse-Drawn Patrol Wagons Outmoded By These

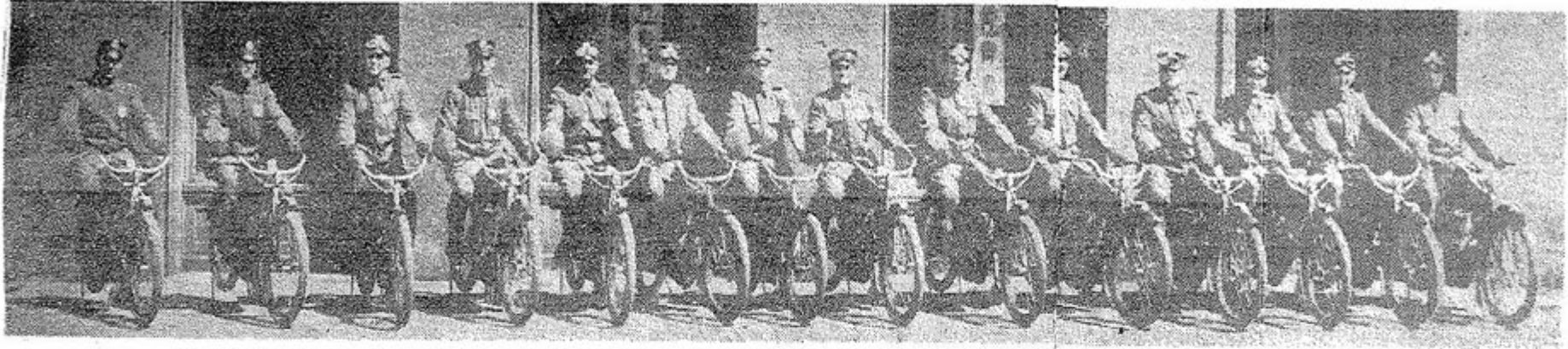


PHOTO OWNED BY INSPECTOR FAKEHANY SHOWS THE 1911 MOTORCYCLE SQUAD — THE FIRST
Left to right: James Kingsley, Edward Huntington and John Henahan, all deceased; Clarence Mead; August Salhoff; Lieut. William Schultz; John Hovey and John Connors, both deceased; Dick Martin, killed in the line of duty; Inspector Fakehany, and Fred Palicki, Guy Tibbles, Leo Nachtrab and Mose McCloskey, all four deceased

Blade

Toledo

Police

Motorcycle Squad.



LONG AGO

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

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

KNIFES CHINAMAN

Burglar Slashes Celestial Who Refuses Money.

Loo Pong, who works in the laundry of Sun Lee Loo at 927 Washington street, was assaulted and robbed early Monday morning by an unknown assailant. The Chinaman was severely cut about the chest with a razor when he refused to turn over his money to the robber.

Residents in the vicinity hearing the yells of Loo Pong called the police, but the robber had fled before Motor Cops Martin and Connors arrived. Loo Pong was taken to the home of Dr. Titus at 1118 Washington street, where three cuts on the chest and a deep gash across the left wrist were dressed.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

As the patrol wagon, with four women taken in a raid on Mary Hunt's cafe, was on its way to La-grange station, Driver Reld heard calls for help and saw two men attacking another man at Monroe and Huron sts. Officer Harris and Motor Cop Connors chased the two and Harris caught one, who gave his name as William Boszinski, Toledo. He was arrested on suspicion

LID TILTS, BUT POLICE SPARE WORKINGMEN

The saloons of J. Pepper, 50, in the Isenberg hotel, 1165 Oak st., and Paul Voegell, 24, 312 Fassett st., were visited at 1 o'clock Saturday morning by Detectives Herbert and Tracy and Motor Patrolman Connors. Five men, found in Voegell's saloon, gave their names as Ralph Gardner, 28; Ralph Jordan, 27; Jack Callahan, 33; Jacob French, 50, and D. J. Shine, 34.

In Pepper's saloon, the police reported that a dozen railroad men were eating and drinking. Lieut. Conmay issued orders not to arrest these men as they were about to go to work. In police court Saturday morning Pepper and Voegell were fined \$10 and costs each. Gardner, Jordan, Callahan, French and Shine pleaded guilty to visiting and were fined \$1 each.

THIEVES BREAK WINDOW

A paving brick thrown through a window in the Weber Clothing store, Monroe and St. Clair sts., was the means employed by thieves to get to a display of suits and overcoats Thursday night. Three overcoats and suits were taken. Frank Smith, 28, 1718 Page st, was arrested by Motor Patrolmen Martin and Connors.

ANXIETY LEADS TO CELL

D. J. Merrill, 32. of Toledo, was arrested Tuesday evening by Motor Patrolmen Martin and Connors and Detective Rock after he was seen to take a pocketbook containing \$15 from John McConnell, 71, a civil war veteran. Merrill said he had taken the money to prevent McConnell from spending it. Merrill was bound over to the grand jury by Judge Austin, Wednesday morning

AUTO HELPS CARPENTER CATCH TOOL THIEVES

As Leo Moneghan, carpenter, 1035 Page st., was returning to his work from lunch Thursday afternoon he saw three men going out of the house that he was working on at Collingwood ave. and Collingwood place with a package of tools under their arms. Moneghan recognized his tools and gave chase. The men soon outran Moneghan.

A man happened along in an automobile and volunteered to help. The three fugitives were located at Franklin ave. and Page st. Motorcops Martin and Connors arrested two of the men. The other got away. Moneghan identified the tools. At the station the men gave their names as Robert Miller, 23, Buffalo, and Harry Smith, 22, New York. They were sentenced to 30 days in the works and fined the costs by Police Judge Austin Friday.

CUTS UP; GETS A CUT

Tilly McHugh, landlady of a boarding house at 111 Avondale ave., was sitting in a chair manicuring her finger nails at noon Wednesday. Kirby Thompson came into the room and flourished his arms in a playful manner. His left arm came in contact with the manicure knife. The blade was buried deep in Thompson's forearm. Motorcop Connors was called by the excited woman. No arrests were made.

OFFICER'S SON SHOT

William Connors, 16, son of Detective John Connors, 1317 Foster ave., was shot in the thigh and seriously wounded about 11 a. m. on Saturday, when a boy friend pointed a rifle at him and pulled the trigger. The lad said he "didn't know the gun was loaded."

GET A REPEAT CALL ON NERVY BRASS THIEVES

Investigating a report that thieves were working in the abandoned Grasser & Brand brewing plant, at St. Clair and Williams sts., Patrolman Welsenberg found three men stripping the machinery of brass fixtures at 12:30 on Tuesday. At the police station they gave their names as George Kruger, George Hoffman and Fred Fenner.

About ten minutes later another report was received from the same place. Detectives Martin and Connors and Patrolman Welsenberg responded. They found two more men who were picking up plunder left by the trio. They gave their names as Bert Gall and Walter Rathrow.

The watchman at the plant estimated that \$1,000 damage was done.

63 STOLEN AUTOS ARE RECOVERED

Toledo police department recovered 63 stolen autos in February, according to the monthly report of Detectives Martin and Connors. In February 64 autos were stolen in Toledo and six of the 63 recovered autos were stolen in other cities. The property value of the 67 recovered autos is \$12,760.

TNB 3-2-1921