

# MAGAZINE PLOT TALE SENDS MAN TO JAIL

## Attempt To Victimize Toledo Attorney Is Foiled

A 34-year-old man, who, police say, attempted to commercialize on the plot of a recently published magazine story, was held Wednesday following his arrest in a downtown office building.

Alertness of Attorney Joseph Yager, president of the National Bank of West Toledo, led to the arrest of the man, who, police say, has victimized a number of Toledo attorneys.

The man appeared at Yager's office Tuesday and told him he would like to have him handle a case for a friend who was injured in a marine accident and who was recovering in a Detroit hospital.

Yager suspected the man's story and made an appointment to see him later in the day. When the man returned he was arrested by Detective Arthur Dryer.

Police say the man has told the same story to a number of Toledo lawyers and has received small amounts in cash from several for preliminary action in the case.

# COP SAVES BOY FROM TAXI DEATH

Stops Flow of Blood With  
Finger; Young Auto Victim  
Is Recovering

A 9-year-old boy who was run over and injured seriously Tuesday by a taxicab near the Interurban station owed his life Wednesday to a policeman who, with his thumb, stopped the flow of blood from a severed artery.

The victim, Walter Reddick, 9, of 39 S. Michigan street, was recovering Wednesday in his home.

The accident was witnessed by Patrolman Peter Rubel, who dragged the boy from beneath the wheels of the taxicab.

## STOPS BLOOD STREAM.

Noticing that an artery near the boy's temple, on the left side, was severed, Rubel pressed his thumb tightly against the victim's head to stop the flow of blood.

He then ordered the taxicab driver, Harold Koeplinger, 818 Main street, to speed to County Branch hospital. Attendants there said the patrolman's prompt action probably saved the boy from bleeding to death.

He had a severe gash on his head and was injured about the shoulders.

## NOTIFIED BY PEDESTRIANS.

Koeplinger told police he had not seen the boy until pedestrians shouted to him that the victim was under the wheels of his car. The accident occurred as the taxi driver was pulling into the taxi zone near the station. He was directly behind a large bus that had unloaded passengers.

Mrs. Nellie Searight, 22, of 1015 Western avenue, was bruised at 9 p. m. Tuesday when an auto in which she was riding with Charles T. Searight collided with another car which failed to stop after the acci-

dent. The mishap occurred at Western avenue and Hawley street.

## GIRL, 9, IS HURT.

Betty Thal, 9, of 24 W. Delaware avenue, received minor injuries at 9 p. m. Tuesday when she was struck on Delaware avenue near Warren street by a car driven by Clyde Embasler, 2541 Cherry street.

Eugene Hood, 25, of 2928 Hartman street, received a gash on his knee and a bruised heel when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a truck driven by Leonard Zollars, 2041 Berkshire place, Tuesday noon. He was taken to Toledo hospital by Clegg's ambulance. The accident occurred at Putnam and Prescott streets.

# PAIR CAPTURED AFTER FLIGHT

## Victims of Beating, Robbery Lead Detectives to Their Assailants

Two of four suspects sought in connection with the slugging Wednesday night of two brothers were recaptured early Thursday after the four had escaped from detectives.

The brothers, W. A. Smith and Dewey Smith, 528 1-2 Cherry street, were beaten and robbed of \$55 by four bandits, who attacked them in the 700 block of Cherry street.

The victims summoned police, and Detectives Owen Green and John Callaghan, accompanied by the Smith brothers, searched the vicinity.

### FLEE FROM DETECTIVES.

In a restaurant near the scene of the robbery and slugging, the victims pointed out to detectives the four youths who had beaten them.

The detectives placed them under arrest, and while Callaghan held the suspects outside the restaurant, Green phoned headquarters for a patrol wagon.

As he was phoning, the suspects fled on foot, running in different directions, and escaped.

Later Green and Callaghan found two of the bandits in the same vicinity.

### TELLS OF KIDNAPING.

A 26-year-old man who told detectives a harrowing tale of a midnight kidnaping and robbery by four men with whom he had been drinking was held Thursday in the Safety building on a technical charge of suspicion.

The man called police from a restaurant at Wayne and Fearing streets and asked them to pick him up. He told them he had met four men in a drinking place on Dorr street and after several rounds of drinks had accepted an invitation to go for a ride.

When they reached the University of Toledo campus the suspect told police his companions robbed him of \$38 and slugged him. Then they drove away, he said, and he made his way back into town.

He said the slugging and robbery occurred at 1 a. m. Thursday.

# CHARGE MOTHER BEAT DAUGHTER ON HEAD

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## Arrested After Neighbors Say She Used Washboard on Child

Mrs. Mary Patrick of 2044 Front street was under charges in the Safety building Thursday following her arrest on complaint of neighbors, who reported that she had beaten her 10-year-old daughter on the head with a washboard.

The purported victim, Frieda Fern Patrick, and two smaller children were taken to the juvenile home for safekeeping. The mother is held for the juvenile court, and also is under charges of being drunk and disorderly. Patrolman E. Langendorf, who investigated, said the girl's head showed evidence of having been struck severely.

# SPEED BOY

## Cop Cops 14 Men Single Handed

**W**HEN Patrolman Robert Siemens decides to clean up his district, he does it with vim and gusto. Fourteen men, arrested within an

hour Thursday night by the patrolman, were held in the Safety building Friday.

Siemens arrested the men in the vicinity of the former police station on Superior street. Charges of being drunk and disorderly were placed against 12 prisoners, and the other two were charged



Patrolman  
Siemens.

with having liquor in their possession.

# YOUNG BURGLAR, BANDITS CAUGHT

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## Five More Youthful Criminals Added to 'Baby' Lists of City Police

Five more youths Monday joined the rapidly mounting list of Toledo juveniles embarked on crime careers and caught by police.

A 16-year-old East Side youth confessed he had staged numerous burglaries of residences within the last few weeks. Simultaneously, four other youths sat in cells at the county jail after their arrest on their first night of crime.

### NOISE FRIGHTENS.

The youthful burglar attempted to enter the home of Fred Felburger, 325 White street, but Felburger heard the noise of a raised window. When the youth ran, Felburger called police. Patrolmen Fred Reaser and Louis Knocks caught the boy in the 500 block of White street. He admitted entering the homes of William Harmelster, 520 White street; Harold Smith, 641 Willard street, Sunday night, and Clarence Buhl, 624 Coney court.

### CAUGHT BY OFFICERS.

The four other youths confessed to the robbery of two Community Traction busses Saturday night and the barbecue stand at Reynolds road and the Chicago pike early Sunday morning. Ninety dollars were taken from the stand's patrons and cash box. A customer recognized one of the bandits and informed Deputy Sheriffs Zurk and Bierwirth.

The deputies, with Detectives William Rogers and Carl Hartung, found the four youths in the act of apportioning the night's booty

## MAN ARRESTED AS HE TRIES TO STEAL AUTO

**Jailed on Suspicion After Neighbor  
Calls Police.**

A 37-year-old Austin street man is held in a cell at the Safety building on a technical charge of suspicion because of liquor-incited greediness.

The man was arrested by Patrolmen J. R. Laughlin and William Pier in a garage at the rear of the Dolgin Dairy offices at 2311 Chestnut street attempting to steal an auto.

The suspect is said by police to have broken into the office thru a side window, cutting his hand in the act. Unable to find loot, he left, but returned an hour later when he recalled having seen an auto parked in the garage at the rear. A neighbor called police and the man was captured. He was intoxicated, police said.

## Cops Dash to House and Find . . .

**T**HE police dispatcher's phone rang lustily.

The police dispatcher wearily lifted the receiver to answer. "Help! Fire! Murder! Police!"

The dispatcher heard a terrified feminine voice: "He's running around the house. He's mad. Oh, he'll get one of us sure. Help!"

Patrolmen Emery Rudes and Frank Hyatt dashed to the source of the call, a house in the 2100 block of Putnam avenue.

**A** FRIGHTENED woman met the policemen at the door and pointed to the living room.

"He's in there somewhere I believe he's hiding."

The room was empty when the patrolmen entered. A careful search revealed nothing.

"Whew," sighed the woman in relief. "I'm glad he's gone. He ran over my feet while I was reading And I'm so afraid of mice."

Exit policemen.



# ROBBER SUSPECT SEIZED IN FIGHT

## Draws Pistol When Detectives Halt Him; Jewels Found in Suitcase

One of the burglars who have robbed homes of prominent Toledans recently was believed by police Tuesday to have been apprehended in the arrest of a 24-year-old Atlanta, Ga., man who was found early Tuesday carrying a suitcase containing jewelry valued at several thousand dollars.

Detectives Carl Hartung and William Rogers and Patrolman Grover Howe were forced to subdue and disarm the man when they saw him leave a taxicab in front of a house on the 1900 block of Spielbusch avenue and sought to question him.

### SUSPECT DRAWS PISTOL.

The suspect drew a pistol from his hip pocket with a quick movement when the detectives spoke to him. Hartung leaped at the man and gripped him about the wrist and, with the aid of Rogers and Howe, disarmed the man. A search of his pockets revealed another revolver and a quantity of jewelry. The suitcase also contained jewelry.

### GIFTS FROM FRIENDS.

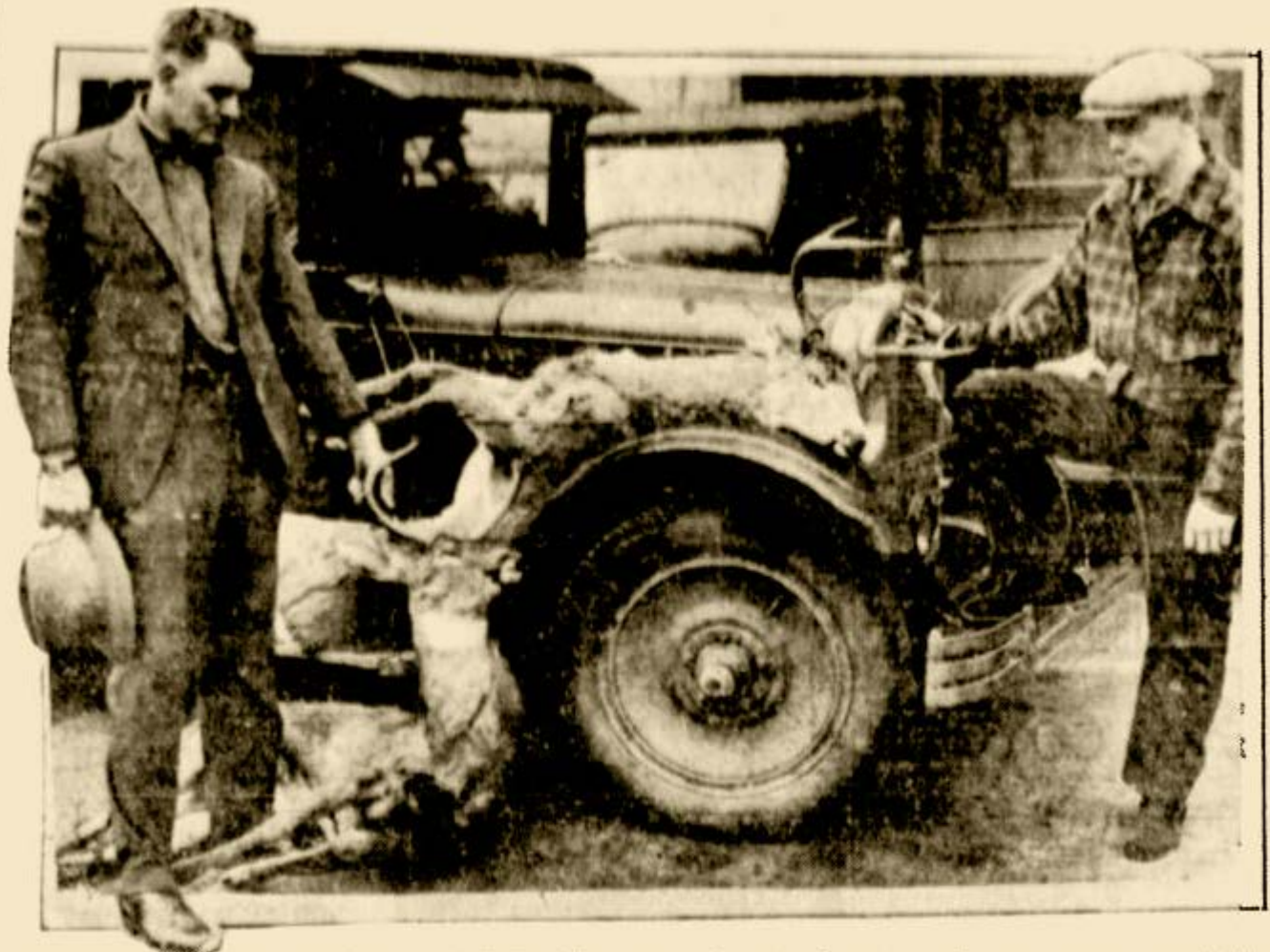
The detectives also found jewelry in the suspect's house, in front of which the arrest was made.

The man explained he just had returned from Detroit and said he had received the jewelry from a friend there.

The man will be held at the Safebuilding until police can investigate the source of the jewelry and victims of recent robberies may view it and determine if it includes loot taken from their homes.

Among recent robbery victims who will be asked to come to police headquarters are Bishop Samuel A. Stritch, whose home at 2544 Parkwood avenue was looted early Monday, and Miss Emelle Louise Koch, whose home at 3141 River road was robbed Thursday night.

# TRAFFIC COP BRINGS DOWN DEER



Toledo bad men may get an idea of the accuracy of Patrolman Walter Hoffman's aim from the picture above. He is shown at the right surveying two deer that

fell before his rifle last week in Simmamahoning state forest, northern Pennsylvania. At the left is his brother, Earl Hoffman. The two brothers and

three other persons composed the hunting party and each one got a deer. Hoffman is traffic patrolman at Summit and Monroe streets.

# NEW CLEW FOUND IN CABARET GIRL DEATH

## Man Slugged Believed Victim of Woman's Slayers

Police Wednesday were investigating an attack made on Ike Gray, 22 12th street, Saturday morning by two livery car drivers. Gray is in Mercy hospital with a fractured jaw and severe cuts and bruises about the face and head.

Mrs. Gray called police Tuesday night and told them of the attack on her husband, which she said occurred in front of his home at 12:30 a. m. Saturday.

Police believe the attack on Gray may have some connection with the murder of Nina Harris, 19-year-old dancer and cabaret entertainer at 827 13th street, whose mutilated body was found Monday. Four drivers of livery cars are held for questioning in connection with the attack and murder of the girl, which police believe occurred Friday night.

# TAXI MEN HELD IN GIRL'S DEATH

## Sister Says Murdered Dancer Left Home in Cab Friday; Its Driver Sought

Four drivers of livery cars were held at the Safety building Tuesday for questioning as detectives resumed their investigation into the murder of Nina Harris, 19-year-old dancer and colored cabaret entertainer of 827 13th street, whose mutilated body was found Monday.

Coroner Frank G. Kreft and Detective Frank DeLora said the girl had been dead at least two days when her body was found between a fence and a garage at the rear of 127 Illinois street.

The body wore only a dress and shoes. She had been beaten brutally and attacked.

A sister of the girl, Mrs. Louise Durham, 221 Avondale avenue, said Miss Harris had left her home Friday night in a taxicab and had not been seen since.

Police arrested the four in an attempt to find the driver of the cab in which Miss Harris left home.

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# COP LOCKED IN STORE GETS HIS MEN ANYWAY

## Finds Evidence in Closet After Early Search for Liquor Fails, Then Arrests Two.

**I**MAGINE his embarrassment. Locked inside an apparently abandoned blind pig, quite forgotten by his companions on the police liquor squad who had just conducted a futile search of the place! Patrolman Tom Case, the victim of this predicament, was annoyed Tuesday night as he wandered aimlessly about the deserted establishment in the 1600 block on Adams street.

**S**UDDENLY he heard two low voices. Strangers had entered.

Case ducked into a convenient closet.

He heard a chuckle.

"Wonder why they didn't find the liquor," one of the men muttered. "It's a good thing we got out."

Even as he spoke, there was a sound outside. Case's fellow officers had discovered his absence!

Reaching about on a shelf in the closet Case's hand touched a bottle. His nose told him it was liquor.

Case left his hiding place and confronted both his companions and the two suspects who were arrested

## VETERAN DETECTIVE GIVEN PROMOTION

**Ervin M. Brown Named To Replace  
Henahan; Hartung Gets Step.**

Ervin M. Brown, veteran detailed detective, who for many years was assigned to the East Side station, Wednesday was promoted to the rank of detective to fill the vacancy created by the death of Detective Jack Henahan.

Announcement of the promotion was made late Tuesday by Safety Director A. D. Black.

Brown has been a member of the police department for 22 years and has served as a plain-clothes officer for several years.

Patrolman Carl Hartung was promoted to the grade of detailed detective to replace Brown.

# WOMAN, THREE MEN CAPTURED

## Nitroglycerin Found in Apartment After Arrests; Guns Are Confiscated

Capture of three men and a woman in an apartment in the 400 block of Superior street by Patrolmen Jack Daly and Joseph Rosenthal early Wednesday after a regular movie thriller chase is believed by police to have revealed the identity of yeggmen who have blown several safes in Toledo business offices in the last three weeks and obtained several thousand dollars in loot.

A quart of nitroglycerin and a complete set of burglar's tools were found in the apartment where the four suspects were arrested. Nitroglycerin has been used in opening safes of several stores robbed recently.

### TOLD OF PROWLER.

Patrolmen Daly and Rosenthal were en route to work at the Safety building at 11 p. m. Tuesday when they were stopped by a man in front of the Heal & Briggs billiard academy, 417 Superior street.

"There's a man on the roof of the Fairplay store," the man informed the patrolmen. "He's trying to break in."

The patrolmen hurriedly mounted to the roof of the Heal & Briggs building and saw the prowler working at a skylight fastening above the Fairplay sport goods store, 413 Superior street, whose roof was 15 feet below them.

### SLIDES DOWN DRAIN.

The patrolmen unhesitatingly leaped to the roof below in an attempt to catch the man.

The long leap stunned them slightly and by the time they had recovered the other man was sliding down a drain pipe at the rear of the building.

The patrolmen watched the prowler flee down an alley and climb a stairway to a second-floor apartment in a nearby building.

Daly and Rosenthal slid down the drain pipe also, but found the apartment locked.

After pounding on both the front and back entrances the patrolmen finally caused one of the occupants to answer their summons when they attempted to break down the door.

Three men and a woman were in the apartment. They made no attempt to escape and the patrolmen arrested them on suspicion.

### YEGG OUTFIT FOUND.

After the suspects had been booked at the Safety building, Daly and Rosenthal, with Detective Paul Ringle, returned to the apartment and searched the rooms.

Found in the apartment and held as evidence were: A quart of nitroglycerin, two coils of copper wire, two revolvers, two flashlights, a set of drills, silverware, an overcoat and silk scarfs. The latter articles may be loot taken from burglarized homes, police believe.

## "Bus" Biggs Held for Robbing Stores He Guarded

Walter A. (Bus) Biggs, 24, of 2506 Chase street, one of Toledo's foremost athletes a few years ago and more recently a special detective in



a downtown department store, was held at the Safety building Tuesday on a charge of grand larceny for the theft of athletic goods valued at \$1000 from two stores.

Biggs, a former Woodward star, played on the police football team. Patrolmen Frank Baumgardner

"Bus" Biggs.

and Jack Carew arrested Biggs.

The athlete admitted the thefts when questioned by Baumgardner. He explained he needed money derived from sale of the goods because of personal troubles.

While working as a special detective in one of the stores he is charged with robbing, Biggs recently arrested a shoplifting suspect after a chase thru downtown streets which terminated when Biggs completed a flying tackle.

A proprietor of one of the looted stores told police he saw Biggs run from the store when he returned to take care of some business after closing hours Saturday night.



## GURGLE IN POCKETS BRINGS MAN'S ARREST

Officers Make Arrest While Taking  
Injured Ohloan to Hospital.

Gurgling pockets led to the arrest of William Sauer, 44, of Ontario street, on a liquor charge late Wednesday.

Patrolmen Emery Rudes and Frank Hyatt were bringing a patient into County Branch hospital when Sauer sauntered in. Gurgling noises aroused suspicion. Search disclosed six half-pints of liquor.

The patient under care of the officers was B. F. Crone, 77, Findlay, O., cut on his head when he fell at Erie and Logan streets.

# "TOUGHS" WEEP WHEN BANDITRY ENDS IN COURT

Boy Robbers Lose Braggadocio  
as Judge Sends Them to  
County Jail

## FACE BLEAK HOLIDAY

One Youth Probated Out of  
Pity for Mother Who  
Pleads for Son

By JOE GELIN.

Braggadocio melted and the romance of banditry faded into a mist of hot, bitter tears when a group of youthful outlaws found themselves at the end of the chapter in juvenile court.

Two 14 and 15-year-old vandals who looted and destroyed \$300 worth of property in Lagrange school Dec. 4, will eat Christmas and New Year dinners in County jail.

At the end of that time they may be sent to the industrial school.

The elder boy began his criminal career in 1929. In a vain effort to control him, his mother told the court she had hidden his clothes and made him wear dresses to keep him at home.

### PITY SAVES ONE.

Pity for a widowed mother saved a 16-year-old boy, one of a gang of six, from serving a reformatory sentence. The gang confessed to looting a number of Dorr street stores.

The mother twice suffered heart attacks and had to be carried from the room. Fearing execution of the sentence would prove fatal to the mother, the court suspended the term, paroling the lad to Attorney Albert Miller.

Two of the gang appearing in court for the first time were probated to City Detective Fred Palicki at his own request.

The leader is to be bound over to the grand jury, while the others are to be held in jail until Jan. 5, when they may be probated.

### FAMILY MOVES AWAY.

One family was preparing Thursday to move to Fremont, O., to keep a 16-year-old son away from a gang which lured him into banditry.

The boy, oldest of seven children, pleaded guilty to burglarizing several East Side homes.

A joyless termination to a joy ride came when four boys, ranging from 12 to 15 years old, were sentenced to the Boys' Industrial school at Lancaster, O., following the theft Nov. 29 of a car owned by Arthur Welsh, 523 Oak street. The boys returned the car a few hours later.

### SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Sentence was suspended and the youths probated to Zachary T. Jones, juvenile official.

A lad whose higher education ceased abruptly when his pants gave out, convulsed court attendants when he appeared on a charge of truancy.

"I can't go to school," he said, "because I've only got one pair of pants and they came out of the ark!"

If his parents are unable to provide the important garment, a charitable agency in the city will do so.

# PLAN TO SLOW TRAFFIC KILLED AS UNFEASIBLE

## Council Committee Tables Bill To Extend 20-Mile Speed Limit District

The plan of slowing traffic in the outlying districts of the city by extending the official congested area district, as conceived by a city council subcommittee appointed to investigate relief from present traffic conditions, was tabled by the committee Wednesday night after Safety Director Archibald D. Black and Traffic Inspector Thomas O'Reilly declared the plan unenforceable and not feasible.

O'Reilly declared the plan could be enforced only by increasing the force of motorcycle police. The same effect could be obtained without the law, O'Reilly declared, if enough police were available to patrol the thru streets of the city. Black said he would suggest more motor patrolmen in his report to be submitted at the end of the year.

The present congested zone is bounded by Cherry, Michigan and Monroe streets, where under state law the speed limit is 20 miles an hour. Outside the area it is 35 miles.

O'Reilly said the large number of auto fatalities can be laid directly at the door of the high speed law.

# ROBBER LOSES SHOES IN CHASE

Footgear Fails To Stick and  
Bandit Is Captured in  
His Socks

Anyone who has ever attended a vaudeville show has heard the threat voiced by one member of any blackface comedy team to the other member: "I'll run you until your shoes fall off."

But it remained for a crowd which chased a bandit suspect Friday night actually to see such an incident.

The bandit entered the grocery of Max Weiss, 302 Indiana avenue, Friday night and demanded the grocer's cash.

Weiss, noticing the bandit had no weapon, refused, and the bandit fled.

Several persons joined Weiss in the chase. As the bandit fled, one of his shoes came off. Two blocks farther along the other shoe came off.

Weiss returned to his store and called police. Patrolman Mike Burke and Louis Belkey trailed the route of the chase, picking up the shoes. In front of a house at 333 Indiana avenue they found a shoeless man surrounded by his crowd of pursuers. The shoes fit him, so he was arrested.

# OFFICER CHASES, CATCHES THIEF

Man Accused of Looting Market Caught by Patrolman in Race Thru Alleys

The fleetness of Patrolman Guy Thwing in following two burglars resulted Friday night in the arrest of one of the men and recovery of loot taken from the Beegle meat market, 301 Sumner street.

Thwing was en route to work on a street car at 11 p. m. Friday when a man boarded the car and informed him that two men just had entered the Beegle market.

Thwing ran to the store in time to see two men, carrying several parcels, turn into an alley off Western avenue.

Thwing followed. The men fled. At St. Marys avenue they separated. Thwing followed the man he believed to be the leader of the two. The fugitive almost escaped when Thwing tripped over seven dressed chickens the robber had thrown away.

The patrolman caught the man hiding between a rain barrel and a store box at the rear of the house of Fred West, 130 Western avenue. He refused to divulge the name of his accomplice at the Safety building. The chickens were held as evidence.

# FOUR INJURED HERE BY AUTOS

Man, Wife Released After  
Arrest, Struck by Car;  
Woman Is Hurt

Misfortunes came thick and fast Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moose, 448 10th street.

They were taken into custody at 5:20 p. m. in the downtown section by Patrolman Kenneth Larson, who said they were soliciting funds without a permit. Released from cells of the Safety building at 7:30 p. m., they walked to City Park and Indiana avenues and there were knocked down by an auto as they attempted to cross the street.

They were treated at County Branch hospital for minor bruises. Charles Baker, 2230 Lawrence avenue, driver of the auto, was not held.

Mary Agnes Kerlln, 50, of 28 W. Woodruff avenue, received lacerations of the forehead when she was struck by an auto driven by K. C. Mullen, 666 Palmwood avenue, at Franklin and Southard avenues. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Leo Putoff, 45, of 962 Islington street, was in Mercy hospital Saturday suffering from minor injuries received when an auto in which he was riding collided with a street car in the 2200 block of Ashland avenue.

## CHANGES ON POLICE FORCE ARE EFFECTIVE

**Personnel of Several Bureaus Is  
Shifted to New Jobs.**

Personnel changes affecting several bureaus of the police department became effective Monday, it was announced by Joseph Delchaunty, inspector of police.

Patrolman John Dermer of No. 3 wagon crew entered the detectives' bureau as a plain clothesman. His place was taken by Patrolman Clarence Schroeder.

Patrolman Harry Manson was assigned to plain clothes duty in the detective bureau, Patrolman Guy Walcott being moved to a speed car crew to replace Manson. Patrolman Harry Giles was assigned to traffic duty at Front and Main streets to take Walcott's place.

Patrolman William Coghlin was assigned to motorcycle duty in the detectives' bureau taking the place of Patrolman Owen Green, who became a plain clothesman.

# SUSPECTS ADMIT FIVE HOLDUPS

## Boy, 13, Points Out Pair to Officers After Father's Grocery Is Robbed

Five recent holdups here had been cleared Monday because 13-year-old Stephen Rutkowski has an excellent memory for faces.

When two youths entered the grocery of Stephen's father at 501 Pulaski street Saturday night and held up the boy and his mother, Stephen was not too frightened to take a good look at the bandits.

### WATCHES ROBBERS.

While the robbers looted the cash register of \$20, Stephen looked on calmly. And when Patrolmen Henry Richter and Paul Mulloch arrived to investigate the robbery the boy told them he believed he could identify the bandits if he ever saw them again.

He accompanied the policemen in a search for the robbers in a scout car. At Buckingham street and Detroit avenue he tugged at Richter's arm.

"There they are!" he said, pointing to two youths standing on the corner.

### SUSPECTS CONFESS.

The suspects, taken to the Safety building, readily admitted the hold-up and confessed to four other recent robberies. They are held on suspicion.

One of the youths is said to have confessed to the robbery of a Band Box cone at 2113 Dorr street Friday night and to the burglary of the Heather Downs Golf club last month. He implicated his companion in the confession, police said.

"Yep," said Stephen when he was congratulated by police officials. "There isn't much to this detecting business. Guess I'll be a copper when I grow up."



# SUICIDE VICTIM HELD TOLEDOAN

## Man Who Shot Himself When Chased by Deputies Identified

Detective Frank DeLora announced Monday that the man who shot and killed himself near Fremont late Friday as he was being pursued by deputy sheriffs had been identified as a resident of Point Place.

DeLora said a photo of the slain man was identified by persons from whom the man purchased a bungalow in Point Place and by several officials of a Toledo boathouse who knew him.

### MAN DISAPPEARS.

According to DeLora, the man bought the house in Point Place three years ago and had lived there until three months ago when he disappeared with another Point Place man. He also owned a launch, DeLora said.

Residents of Point Place said they knew nothing of the man's past. They were positive, however, in their identification.

Early last May the man dug up the skelton of a child along the Maumee river. Coroner Frank G. Kreft said the child had been dead 40 years.

The man ended his life in Dewey Woods after he had fled from deputy sheriffs who followed his auto when he failed to stop at a traffic light in Fremont.

### DROVE STOLEN CAR.

The auto he was driving is said to have been stolen Oct. 25, from Fairview, Pa.

In addition to the revolver with which he shot himself, he carried another revolver, several hundred rounds of ammunition and a watch.

Finger prints of the man were to be sent to Toledo Saturday to aid in verifying the identification.

DeLora said the man is believed to have been in Toledo last week.

# PROBE IN POLICE SHOOTING OPENS

## Woman, Child Periled as Cop's Bullet Goes Thru Window During Liquor Raid

Inspector of Detectives Jerry Buck Wednesday began an investigation of a shooting on East Park street



Tuesday afternoon by members of Sergt. David Clark's liquor squad, during which a bullet, fired at a man later proved to be innocent, narrowly missed a woman and her 4-year-old granddaughter.

Five members of the squad were to be questioned. Three

youths, who protested the shooting was unnecessary, were released when they were arraigned in police court Wednesday on charges of interfering with officers. They were arrested by the squad following the shooting.

### ESCAPE BEING HIT.

A bullet whizzed thru two windows of the home of Mrs. Agnes Pokrywka, 418 East Park street, while Mrs. Pokrywka lay on a divan and her grandchild, Virginia Zoltanska, played in the room.

Patrolman Charles Halteman said he was shooting in the air to frighten Ted Blossom, 431 E. Park street, whom he believed to be a bootlegger who had escaped from a house at 443 E. Park street.

The squad was raiding the residence when Blossom and his wife left their home to join their son, Raymond, 5, who was waiting for them in an auto in front of the house.



Virginia Zoltanska.

### FIRES AT MAN.

Believing Blossom had left the house they were raiding, members of the squad ordered him to halt. He was frightened and fled. They pursued him, Halteman firing as he ran.

A bullet went thru the windows of the Pokrywka home as Blossom ran past it. He eluded the policemen, but later returned to the scene of the shooting and was released after he made an explanation.

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## MOTORISTS WARNED

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**All Must Stop Before Making Turn  
on Red Light, Black Rules.**

Stop at the sidewalk line before making a right turn on a red traffic light or run the risk of being arrested, Safety Director Achibald D. Black warned Thursday as police began a drive to enforce the ordinance on turning against a red light. Too many people jeopardize lives by making the turn without stopping, Black said.

# CHILDREN SAVED IN HOME BLAZE

## Chief Says Firebug Started Flames Early Saturday in North Side Duplex

Three children were carried by their parents from their smoke-filled home early Saturday when fires, started simultaneously in furniture in three rooms of the house. District Chief Henry L. Wintermantle said the fire undoubtedly was of incendiary origin.

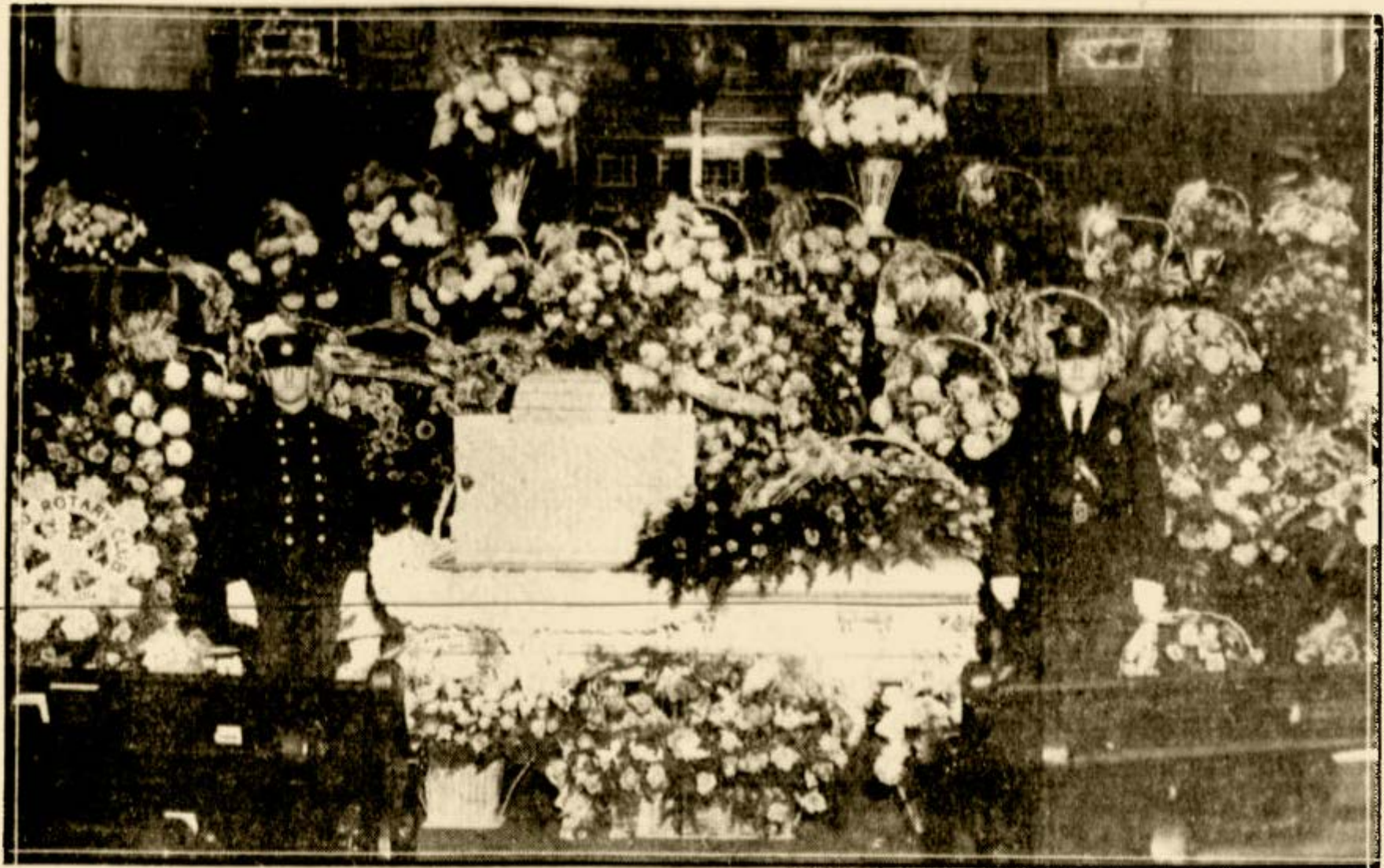
Mrs. Geraldine Nicnerski, 421 E. Streicher street, was awakened by smoke and aroused her husband, Joseph Nicnerski. The couple carried their two children, Edwin, 4, and Clementine, 2, to the home of Tench Goodwin, 419 Streicher street, next door.

Goodwin turned in the alarm. When firemen arrived beds, furniture, drapes and rugs were on fire. Firemen extinguished the flaming furniture in the deep snowdrifts.

Meanwhile, Nicnerski awakened occupants of the second floor, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stawinski, and their children, Jennie, 7; Irene, 6, and Edward, 3. Edward was carried out by his father.

Chief Wintermantle, assisted by police, searched for indications of a firebug. A skeleton key beneath a closed window was discovered by Patrolman H. A. Tripp. Nicnerski could not identify the key, altho it opened the front door. Wintermantle estimated damage to the furniture at \$500 and \$100 to the house.

## FLOWERS REVEAL ESTEEM FOR KELSEY



A terrace of flowers from scores of friends and associates surrounding the casket lent a solemnity to services for Edward R.

Kelsey, Toledo newspaper man and welfare worker, Friday in First Congregational church. The body had lain in state three hours

prior to the services, and hundreds paid tribute to Kelsey at the church at that time. Business and civic leaders attended the rites.

The accompanying photo shows Patrolman Leo Jarzynski and City Fireman Leonard Wambold standing guard at the casket of Kelsey.

# HOUSE LOOTER BELIEVED SHOT DURING ESCAPE

Three West End Homes Robbed  
During Night; Plunder Worth  
\$3000 Recovered

One of two burglars who looted three West End homes of clothing and jewelry worth \$3000 early Saturday is believed to have been shot by William G. Nagel Jr., whose home at 424 Winthrop street was the last visited by the prowlers.

The other homes robbed were those of C. R. Brand at 2835 Parkwood avenue and Otto Heinzerling at 420 Kenilworth avenue.

## WIFE SEES INTRUDER.

Nagel was awakened by his wife at 6 a. m. Saturday when Mrs. Nagel awoke to gaze in horror at a man who was entering their bedroom thru a door from the hallway. Mrs. Nagel saw the intruder flash a light about the room, then pick up a pair of Nagel's trousers and take a pocketbook from a pocket. The pocketbook contained \$50.

Believing that the man might harm her husband or take her valuable diamond rings if she screamed, Mrs. Nagel employed a subtle ruse to frighten the burglar. A sleepily muttered "I'm cold, I think I'll get a blanket," caused the man to flee. She ran to the bedroom door, closed it after him, and awakened her husband.

Nagel seized a revolver from a dresser drawer and ran to the rear door of the house in time to see the prowler leaving the yard, his arms piled high with clothing taken from the Nagel home.

## SHOOTS TWICE.

Nagel shot twice at the prowler as the man disappeared into an alley. He then called police. The man is believed to have had a companion.

In the 200 block of Columbia street the detectives saw a man who answered the description of the prowler at whom Nagel shot. When they called to the man, he fled between houses and leaped over a fence. Coghlin shot at him four times.

## ONE BELIEVED SHOT.

Driving around the block, the detectives found a gray overcoat, two bullet holes in the left sleeve, lying at the rear of the Shirley apartments, 216 W. Bancroft street. In the lining of a sleeve of the garment was a bullet.

In the pockets of the coat were found a pair of gloves and a letter opener with the name of "Cal" Brand engraved on it. Police instituted a check of hospitals for the man in the belief he was wounded.

## BURGLARS BUSY.

At 8 a. m. C. J. Koutcher, a chauffeur for William Donovan, who lives next door to Nagel at 418 Winthrop street, found hanging on a fence between the Donovan and Nagel yards all the loot taken from the Nagel home except the \$50 in cash. The loot included a fur coat of Mrs. Nagel worth \$400.

This led police to believe that one of the bullets fired by Nagel had struck the prowler, altho no blood was found there.

The prowler of the Nagel home climaxed a busy two hours for the burglar or burglars.

They first visited the Brand home and ransacked the home of \$2500 in jewelry taken from a bedroom in which Brand and his wife slept. From a dresser drawer in the room they took \$10 and downstairs they seized two watches and a fountain pen, wrapped in Christmas packages and ready for mailing.

## STEAL NEW SHOES.

A woman's purse on a chair nearby was ignored when the prowlers found it to contain no money.

Brand awoke to see the prowler flee across the yard after leaving by an unlocked side door.

Following for 10 blocks tracks in the snow left by the fugitive, detectives found a mesh bag containing all the loot reported stolen from the Brand home.

A perfumed brown cotton glove, left behind by the burglar who entered the Heinzerling home, was a clew in which police placed hopes of detection.

Screams of Mrs. Heinzerling drove the burglar from her home. The man entered the room of Mr. and Mrs. Heinzerling using a flashlight. He ransacked the pockets of Heinzerling's trousers, taking \$21, before he was frightened away by Mrs. Heinzerling's screams. The man also took a new pair of shoes belonging to Heinzerling.

# RESCUED

## Cops, Firemen Pull Dobbin to Land

**I**F NO. 8 Engine house ever needs a horse for odd jobs, old Dobbin will work for nothing.

Dobbin was hitched to a coal wagon early Sunday near Swan creek on Hamilton avenue. Being cold, the animal started to walk away from where the driver, William Sorrell, was shoveling coal. Being blind, he didn't see the creek and so walked into six feet of water.

Sorrell called Patrolmen Ora Gonia and John Russell, who, unable to rescue the animal, enlisted firemen from No. 8 Engine house. By using a crane and ropes, they pulled the half-frozen Dobbin from the water and virtually carried him to James Dusha's livery barn, 349 Tecumseh street, where he was revived.

# EAST SIDE WAR VETERAN PASSES

## Joseph Perry Dies in Home of Daughter Here After Long Career

Joseph A. Perry, 87, East Toledo's first police marshal, died Tuesday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Davies, 840 Euclid avenue. He lived in East Toledo 22 years.

Perry served in the Civil war as a member of the 14th Ohio Volunteers' Infantry under Col. Barrett, and participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Chickaugua and Fallen Timbers.

He was employed 49 years by the New York Central railroad and was in charge of the baggage room at the Union station 15 years. He retired 15 years ago.

Perry is survived by four sons, Earl A., Detroit; Raymond D., and Martin, Toledo, and Orlow D., Cleveland; three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Brown, Cleveland; Mrs. John Davies and Miss Lulu Perry.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday from Eggleston's funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.



# SUSPECT ARRESTED IN SLAYING OF MAN

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## Man Faces Homicide Charge in Fatal Stabbing Here

Police Thursday expected to bring a charge of homicide against a suspect held in connection with the slaying of James Savory, 40, of 518 Belmont avenue, who died in County hospital Wednesday night after he was stabbed at Illinois and Washington streets.

The suspect was arrested by Detective Harry Manson.

Savory had been stabbed five times.

George Dixon, 911 Washington street, witnessed the fight before the stabbing.

Savory's body was removed to the Urbanski funeral home, where arrangements were being made Thursday to locate relatives.

# ENRAGED MAN KILLS PAL, DIES FIGHTING COP

Shoots Himself in Struggle  
With Policeman for Posses-  
sion of Revolver

## FAMILY QUILTS HOUSE

Many Years' Friendship Ended  
in Double Tragedy  
Christmas Day

A lonely and unlighted little Christmas tree, decked by laughing children's hands, stood as a tragic symbol Thursday to a double slaying, which death chose as an ironic Christmas day gesture for two devoted friends.

The tree and a little heap of toy-abandoned in grief by the three terror-stricken children of these men, looked out forlornly from a bullet-shattered window in the home of Paul Smith, 38, at 845 Collins street, where early on Christmas morning Smith shot and killed his friend, Edward Shofner, 43, in the first quarrel the men had had in a lifetime of friendship.

### VERDICT RETURNED.

In a verdict of homicide and accidental death, brought Thursday by Coroner Frank G. Kreft, all official investigation of the tragedy had ended. The coroner said that Shofner was shot to death by Smith and Smith was killed when a revolver he trained on Patrolman Leonard Mills in resisting arrest was twisted in his hand by the patrolman, the bullet striking Smith in the head.

The coroner, by his verdict, cleared the policeman of all blame in the shooting.

The coroner's verdict ends the case, but it does not tell of the drama behind the double tragedy. It does not explain why two friends who for many years had been inseparable and harmonious should sit almost in the shadow of a Christmas tree they had helped trim and argue with such intensity that death climaxed the dispute.

### CHILDREN HEAR QUARREL.

The fatal quarrel was overheard by the three children, who had awakened early on the holiday in anticipation of seeing the tree and receiving their presents. The children were Smith's son and daughter, John, 14, and Dorothy, 10, and Bille, the 8-year-old son of Shofner. Last May, after Bille's mother died, the little boy and his father went to live with the Smiths.

The two men, who came to Toledo together from Shelbyville, Tenn., with their families seven years ago, had sat up far into the night listening to the radio and talking.

One of the children, who was awake when the shooting occurred, heard the words, "You can't talk to me like that," spoken shortly before three shots rang out on the cold night air.

When Patrolmen Mills and Joseph Rosenthal arrived at the scene, Shofner was lying on the sidewalk

in front of the house, dead. Smith was standing in the doorway. As Mills approached him, Smith raised a small revolver menacingly.

### BULLET ENTERS HEAD.

Mills ignored the threat and dived headlong for the gun wielder. He seized Smith's wrist and forced the revolver away from him as the weapon was discharged. Both men tumbled to the floor of the house and Mills arose to find a bullet wound in Smith's forehead.

Smith was taken to Robinwood hospital but did not regain consciousness. He was booked on suspicion at the Safety building at 2:12 a. m. Wednesday, but died at 10:20 o'clock the same morning.

Mrs. Smith was awakened by the shots. The children, Johnny and Dorothy, and Billie, also were aroused by the sounds of the men arguing in the living room, but were unable to tell police any words that passed between the two except the one remark, "You can't talk to me like that."

### RECONSTRUCT SCENE.

The voice, the children believed, was that of Smith.

Police believe that, enraged over some petty difference of opinion, Shofner decided to leave the home of the man who had comforted him in his bereavement and shared his home with him.

They believe that Smith followed Shofner to the door and that when he saw his friend was sincere in leaving the Smith home, his temper, typical of the mountains of Tennessee from which he and Shofner came to Toledo together to make their way, overwhelmed him and that he shot down his chum.

Coroner Kreft said he had been informed that both Smith and Shofner had been drinking before their argument started.

No weapon was found on Shofner,

# SUSPECTS HELD FOR BURGLARIES

Two Men Believed To Have  
Entered 40 Homes in  
Last Month

Two suspects, believed to be the burglars who have terrorized West Toledoans by a series of robberies in which they have obtained several thousands of dollars' worth of loot, were held Thursday.

One of the suspects was captured after a chase by Patrolmen Frank Richter and Anthony Majchzak, who were investigating a complaint of an attempted burglary of a garage at the rear of the home of J. A. Rosenberger, 2703 Robinwood avenue.

The patrolmen saw the man running away from the garage and pursued him to an alley near Scottwood avenue, four blocks away. Threatening to shoot, the policemen stopped the fugitive and arrested him. A revolver was found in the man's pockets.

The suspect admitted the attempt to burglarize the garage. He implicated another man, police said, and the other suspect also was arrested.

The suspects are believed to be the men who have entered nearly two score West End homes in the last month.

# RETIRED POLICEMAN CAPTURES PROWLER

## Overpowers Man He Finds Trying To Open Door of Home

A burglar whose oratorical propensities surpass his skill in prowling, occupied a cell at the Safety building Thursday because he tried to rob the house of a retired city patrolman at 11:30 p. m. Christmas.

Cecil Cook, 228 Field street, who has lost none of his cunning in the six years he has been retired from active duty as a patrolman, captured the man while the prowler was tampering with the lock on the front door of his home.

Cook and his family were entertaining guests in another part of the house when the retired policeman heard a noise on the front porch. He walked stealthily thru the darkened front room, peered out a window and saw the prowler busy at the door.

He suddenly threw open the door and seized the prowler, dragging him into the house.

The man insisting he could speak eight languages, was taken to the Safety building, where he is held on a technical charge of suspicion.

## 2 ROBBER SUSPECTS CONCEAL IDENTITIES

Youths Believed Perpetrators of  
Burglaries in City.

An effort was to be made Friday to identify two youths, one 18 and the other 21, held in the Safety building on suspicion as the burglars who have been invading homes in the west end.

The suspects were arrested at 2:15 p. m. Friday at Nesselwood and Robbingwood avenues by Patrolmen Leonard Mills and Joseph Rosenthal who last Sunday morning fired at a prowler whom they found loitering in the same neighborhood.

G. W. Nagel, 424 Winthrop street, who fired at burglars who invaded his home last week, will view the suspects.

# JUDGE TELLS WHY HE FREED PISTOL TOTER

## Suspended Sentence Is Given Kriess Because No Gun Was Found on Him

### POLICE FIND REVOLVER

#### Officer Says He Saw Suspect Throw Something Away During Flight

Statements were made from three sources Monday to explain why a 23-year-old former reformatory prisoner was given only a 30-day suspended sentence by Judge Homer Ramey in police court Saturday after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

The prisoner was Clayton Kriess, 3936 Leybourne avenue, who a year ago was sentenced to the reformatory at Ionia, Mich., for the holdup of Mrs. Hettie McCree of Toledo in her cottage at Lakeside, Mich.

He was captured on Christmas eve by Patrolman Frank Richter and Anthony Majschszak after Ferdinand Rosenberger, 2807 Robinwood avenue, had followed the man when he saw him loitering near his home.

#### JUDGE EXPLAINS.

Kriess received his suspended sentence Saturday from Municipal Judge Ramey. The judge said Monday:

"The testimony in this case was that no gun was found on Kriess, but that a small revolver had been found in the neighborhood where he was captured. The court was informed that Kriess was the sole support of a widowed mother."

The police report of the affair shows that Kriess was captured on Scottwood avenue, after he had been trailed to that neighborhood by Rosenberger, whose wife turned in the police report. Two men were seen by Rosenberger.

#### POLICE REPORT.

The police report says that the patrolman saw Kriess throw something away as he ran in back of a house at 2915 Scottwood avenue. When Kriess was caught, the report says, he had a flashlight in his possession and admitted having thrown away the revolver as he ran.

August Streicher, attorney for Kriess, said he had discussed the case with Police Prosecutor Edward Lamb before it came to trial. Lamb, he said, had agreed not to make state charges against Kriess if he would plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons in police court, where the offense would be only a misdemeanor.

#### SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Judge Ramey sentenced Kriess to 30 days in the workhouse and then suspended the sentence.

Judge Ramey made a flat denial that another man, arrested as a suspected companion of Kriess, had been released because of influence by professional bondsmen. This man was Sam Kaplan. He is at liberty on bond on a charge of being a suspicious person and his case has been continued to Jan. 4.

Jewelry valued at about \$1300 was taken in the robbery for which Kriess and a number of companions were sentenced to the Michigan reformatory. Mrs. McCree is the famous invalid Toledo circus rider.

# POLICE ELECTRICIAN FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

Heart Attack Causes Death of Dan  
O'Shea, 59.

Dan O'Shea, 59, of 302 Jefferson avenue, was found dead Sunday in his room by Sadie Navarre. O'Shea, who was unmarried, had worked 15 years as an electrician for the police and fire signal division.

Coroner Frank G. Kreft said death was caused by a heart attack. Surviving are his sisters, Mrs. Anna Meyers, 1705 Parkdale avenue, and Miss Minnie O'Shea, Cottage Grove, Wis.

# CAUGHT

## Man Captured by Seat of Pants

A 28-YEAR-OLD MAN, declared to have a notorious record as a robber had been caught by police Tuesday literally by the seat of his trousers.

The capture was made Monday night when the suspect was attempting to escape thru a small window in a confectionery store at 1238 Monroe street.

A resident across the street had seen the figure of a man prowling in the dim light of the place. He called police.

WHEN Detectives Ray Turner and Cliff McCloskey entered the place they heard a slight noise in the rear. Switching on the light they saw the suspect attempting to scramble thru the window.

Both detectives reached up and seized the man by the seat of the trousers, dragging him back into the store. He had no loot when captured and nothing was missing from the place according to the proprietor C. A. Davis.



# MAN SHOOTS BOY OVER SNOW BALL

## Watchman, Angered by Attack, Fires at Youths, Hits Marble Champion

Elmer Ritchie, 17, of 624 Vinton street, champion of Newton school in The News-Bee marble tournament of 1927, was taken to a cot in County hospital Tuesday with a bullet wound in his right side, inflicted by John Kestenholtz, 20 N. Ontario street, Monday night when Ritchie and a group of other boys bombarded Kestenholtz with snowballs.

Kestenholtz, a watchman for the Nickel Plate railroad at the Field avenue crossing, said he was struck in the back of the head

### SHOOTS INTO GROUP.

Angered by the attack, he said, he drew a revolver and fired one bullet into the air and another into the group of boys.

The bullet struck Ritchie. Screaming in pain, he ran to the home of Fred Sharlow, city policeman, at 629 Hobart street. Sharlow called police and an ambulance took Ritchie to the hospital.

### WILL RECOVER.

Other boys in the group were Ralph Gosline, 15, brother, Eugene, 13, both of 223 Linden place; Clarence Colton, 17, his brother, Carlton 14, 243 Linden place; La Mar Brown, 12, and his brother, Custer, 14, of 909 Walbridge avenue.

Kestenholtz, arrested by Detectives Rowan and Brennan, was unable to tell which boy had thrown the snowball. He was booked on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

Ritchie's condition is not serious, hospital attendants said.