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WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

There is a little spot on the map embodying the southwestern 36 square miles of Macomb County, which has grown to a large spot, adjoining the great metropolis of the city of Detroit.

The extent of our limits is enormous covering 36 square miles from the 8 Mile Road north to 14 Mile Road; with Dequindre Road dividing it on the west from Oakland County, reaching east to the city of East Detroit limits.

Within this spot is housed many vital defense plants. The largest being the Hudson Arsenal and the Chrysler Tank plant; also Dodge Bros. Truck plant, Carbology Co., and nearly 100 other tool and machine shops. This spot is known as the Arsenal of the World.

Within the boundaries of this 36 square miles in the last year there has been nearly two and one-half million dollars worth of new homes and stores built with an increase of population that will reach about (40,000) forty thousand; which grew from 23,000; by Federal Tabulation in 1940.

Not so long ago Warren Township was a typical farming community in the suburbs of Detroit. Today, we take our place as the number one defense area. Due to our hard working and far sighted supervisor, Earl J. Tallman, who was instrumental in having installed a number of miles of sewer and water, it is recognized as one of the fastest growing townships in the United States.

For ages past, police protection has been on of the most vital responsibilities and important functions of any government. Looking to the future; realizing the value and importance of a locally organized and controlled police department with the township, Frank J. Wiegand, then supervisor in 1935 organized the first Warren Township Police Dept. with 2 regular and 2 part time men. The following year William F. (Bill) Strich succeeded Frank J. Wiegand as Township supervisor and at that time dispersed the local police department. It was turned over to the Sheriff's Dept. In 1941 Earl J. Tallman was elected supervisor. He immediately set about to re-organize the Warren Township Police Dept., to take care of the ever growing demands and urgent requirements of one of the fastest growing industrial and home owning centers in the whole United States. At the time of our 1941 second Annual Dance and up to July of 1942 there were 8 regular officers and 2 part time men; with William (Bill) Romano as chief. In July of 1942, William (Bill) Romano turned in his resignation to the Township board which was accepted and Bill returned to private business.

On August the 1st Vernon Lumex, your past president of Spirit No. 54 and incoming president of our newly organized Spirit No. 35 was appointed

Police Commissioner of the Warren Township Police Dept., by the township board. Since that time there has been 5 regular police officers and one part time officer added, making a total of 13. They are as follows: Vernon Lumex, Commissioner; Anthony Winters, Detective; Sergeant Michael Helmlinger; Alfred Maletta; Edward Feleo; Patrolman Clarence Poikey, James Ryan, Albert Carrier, Harold Sherer, Vincent Romano, Walter Obee, Jesse Oguinn and Albert Gaskill.

The department started with one patrol car to which a radio was added later. Then about June 1st, 1941, a new Hudson ambulance equipped radio patrol car was added. Subsequently the radio efficiency was stepped up to a 2-way system where the cars cannot only be reached by radio through the Sheriff's office but can answer back, call in and communicate with each other. The next improvement which was completed in 1942, was the installation of a local transmitter station, which is in operation at this time. This is the greatest step forward in the line of efficiency than most people not familiar with police work can realize.

We have at this time 2 radio equipped cars, a new Ford has been added, the ambulance car shows 90,000 miles and since September we have put 24,000 miles on the new Ford.

Under the supervision of the supervisor, Earl J. Tallman and your able bodied Sheriff of Macomb County, Jacob F. Theut; and your commissioner, Vernon Lumex, they will endeavor to build up the moral of the people and also the personnel and efficiency of the Warren Township Police Dept.

A year has passed and many things have happened in this department. Something new has been added. In the last year we have gotten rid of our old cars and 2 new Hudson 2-way radio equipped cars have been added. We have lost 4 men and added 2 new men.

Detective Anthony Winters joined the Armed Forces June 9, 1943. He is a Sergeant in the Military Police Criminal Investigation Section.

Patrolman James Ryan resigned for the purpose of taking over his new duties as Justice of the Peace of Warren Township, July 4th, 1943, which office he still holds.

Patrolman Clarence Poikey resigned for the purpose of bettering himself with a more responsible position.

Patrolman Jesse Oguinn also resigned for a better position with the Greyhound Bus Company.

There has been added two patrolmen: Cettress J. Cole and Leonard Tazreak. Two very able bodie dmen.

Our department has decreased and our population increased.

WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE



Left to right, bottom row—Vincent Romano, Sergeant Alfred Malleto, Commissioner Vernon Lumex, Sergeant Edward Feleo, Sergeant M. E. Helmlinger.

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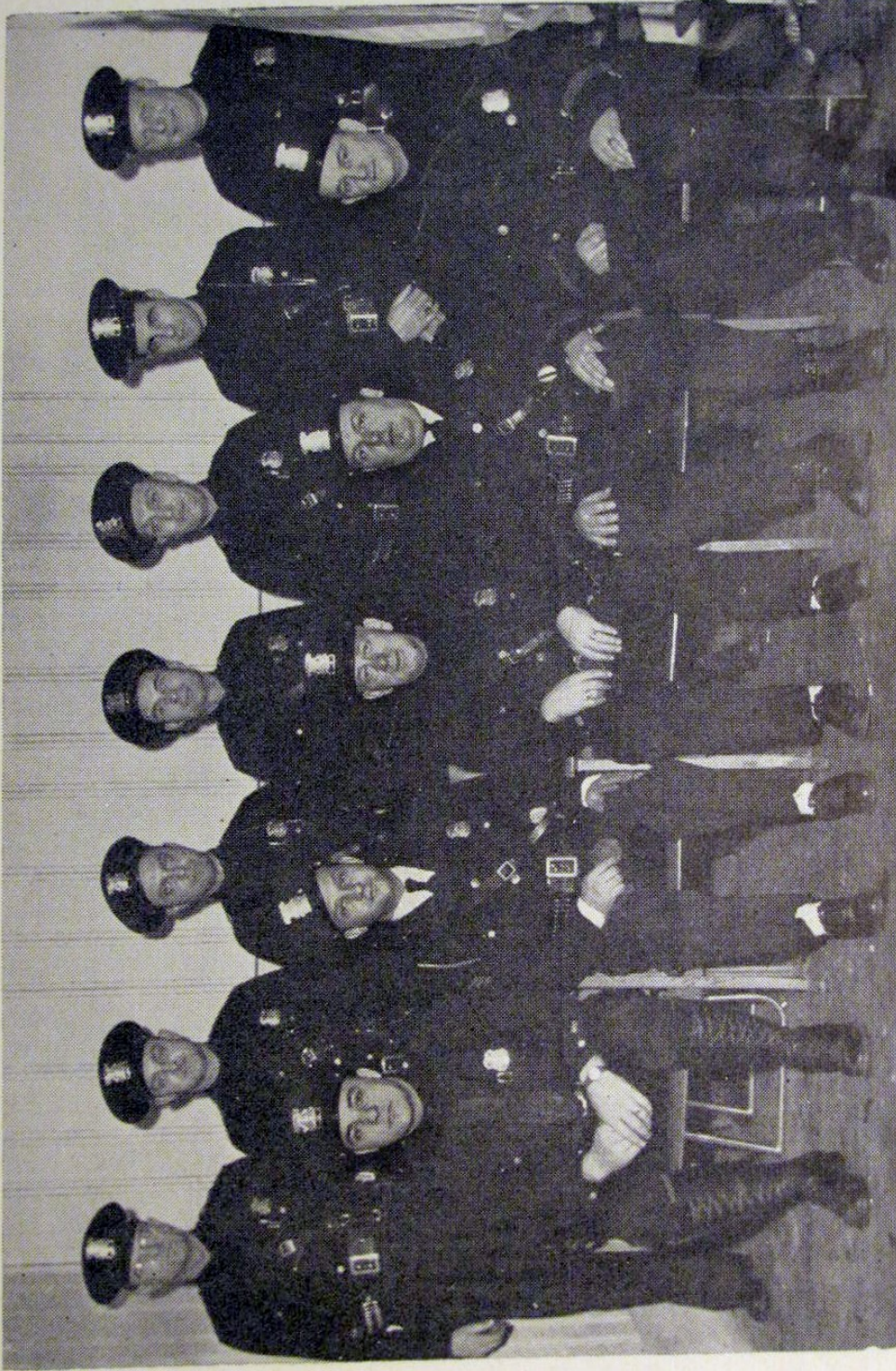
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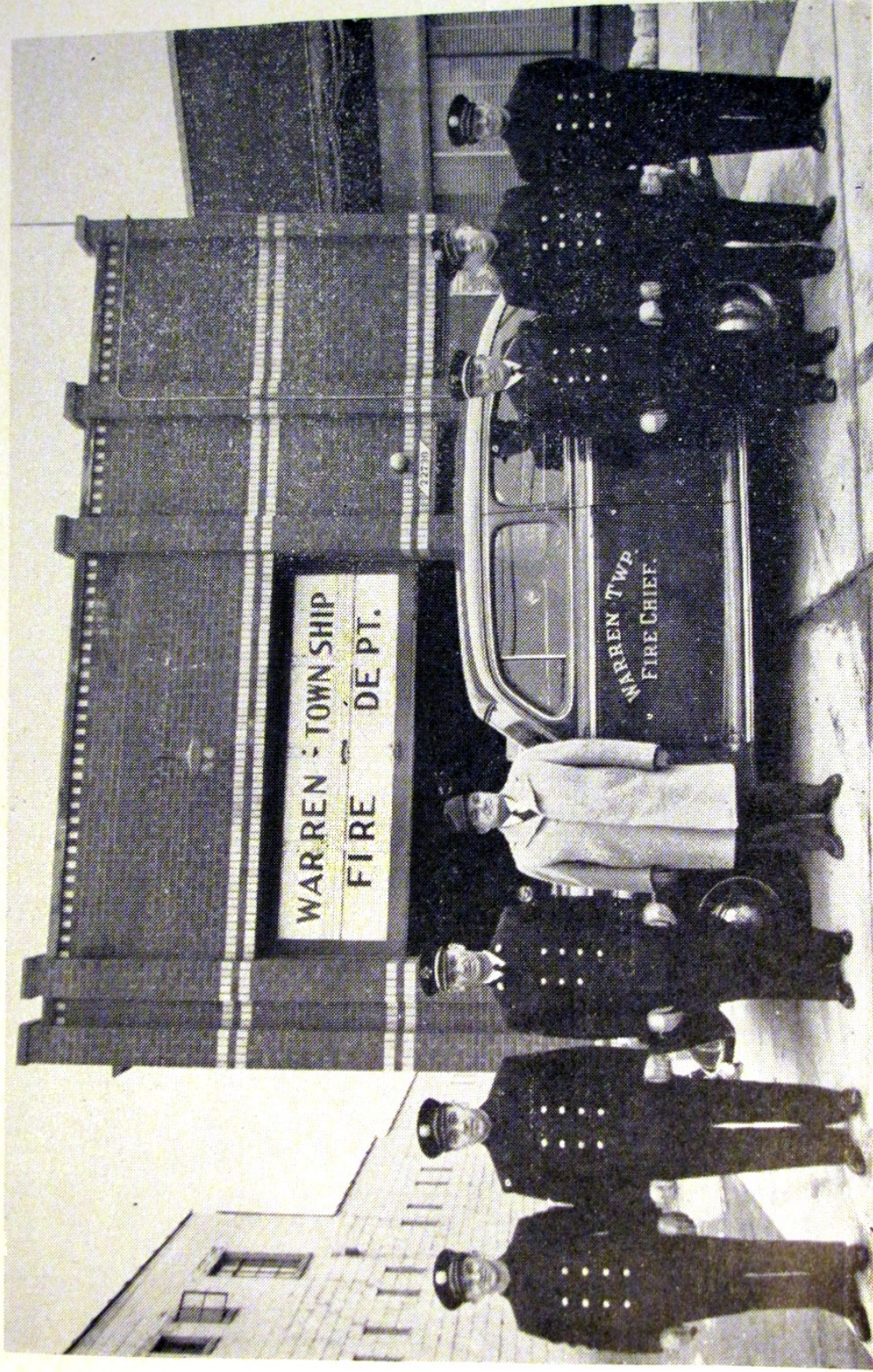
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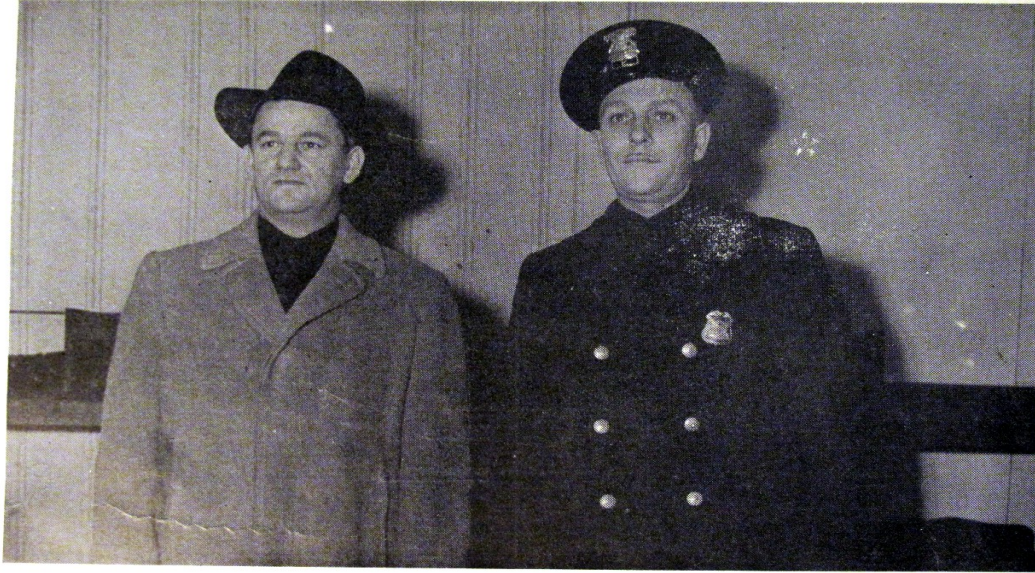
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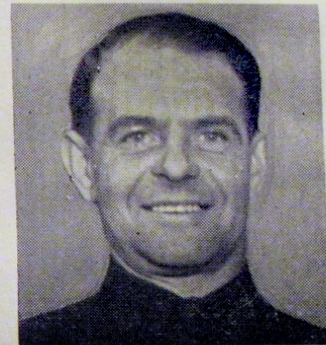
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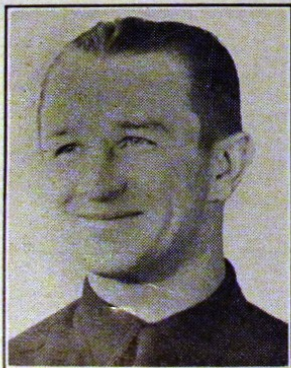
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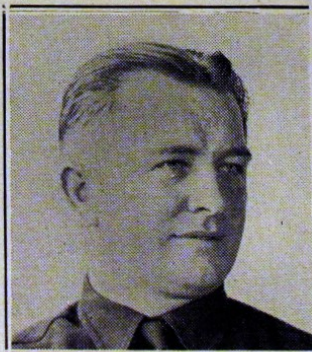
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