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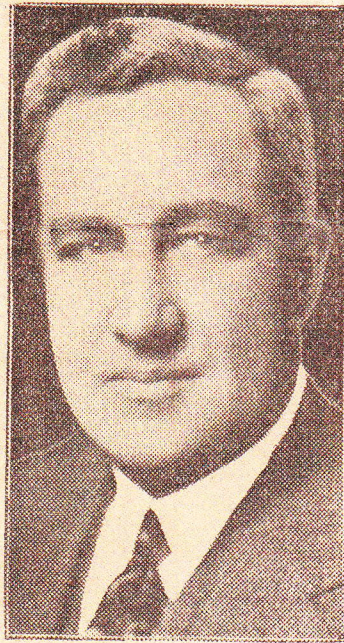
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## 3 SEIZE \$19,000 AT PAGE DAIRY

Fires at Robbers



HENRY PAGE

### Robbers Take Cash and Checks in Gun Battle; Henry Page Fires on Fleeing Trio.

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Three bandits obtained \$19,000 in a holdup at the Page Dairy Co., 235 Wade street, at noon today and escaped following a gun duel in which Henry A. Page, president of the company, and others escaped injury from more than a dozen shots fired at them.

Mr. Page, who seized a riot gun and fired at the bandits from a window in his office, believes that one of the robbers was wounded as he staggered on entering an automobile in which the trio escaped.

Patrolman Joseph Menke, assigned to guard the transfer of the money from the company to the bank, faced the bandits' fire at close range and emptied his revolver in a gun fight with them. He was not hit.

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Two of them, one carrying a taped baseball bat and the other a revolver, approached as Verne O. Fogle, 3102 Northwood avenue, collector for the company and preparing to go to the Toledo Trust Co., was sitting in his automobile near a loading dock with a black bag containing the money, which represented collections over the week-end.

One bandit demanded the bag and took it from Mr. Fogle. At this juncture, Patrolman Menke appeared. He opened fire at the bandits, who returned the fire.

After emptying his revolver Patrolman Menke, who was then defenseless, raised his arms.

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#### One Carried Bat

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Mrs. Bessie Hauck, 460 Clark street, a waitress in the Wade restaurant across the street from the dairy, said that she observed a man, believed to be one of the bandits, around the corner several hours before the holdup. Just after he stepped out of her view, she said, she heard the shooting.

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#### Bullet Hits Window

As he fired from his window, one of the robbers shot at him twice, a bullet striking the upper part of the window. At this time a Ford V-8 coupe driven by the third bandit drove along Wade street headed toward Morris street. The man staggering, leaped into the car and it was driven away rapidly. One of them carried the black bag which contained the \$19,000 in money and checks. Accountants began a check to determine how much of the loot was in cash.

Police report that the Ohio license plates—C-42,761—used on the bandit automobile were issued to Fred Hetzmer, 520 South avenue, who was held up and his automobile and money taken from him by two bandits early Sunday in the Lakeside road, three miles north of Erie, Mich.

#### Took Auto and Cash

Mr. Hetzmer, who obtained a ride back to Toledo early Sunday, said that two men stepped into the highway and forced him to stop. One of the men struck him with a blackjack, Mr. Hetzmer said. He said that the bandits took his automobile and \$3.45.

Mr. Hetzmer's automobile was discovered wrecked late Sunday in the Dixie highway near Dean road with the license plates missing.

Two of the Page dairy robbers were described to the police. The leader was about 40 years old, six feet tall, weighed around 200 pounds, wore a light suit, Panama hat and carried a blue steel pistol.

The second thug was of the

same height, weighed about 160 pounds and wore a dark suit.

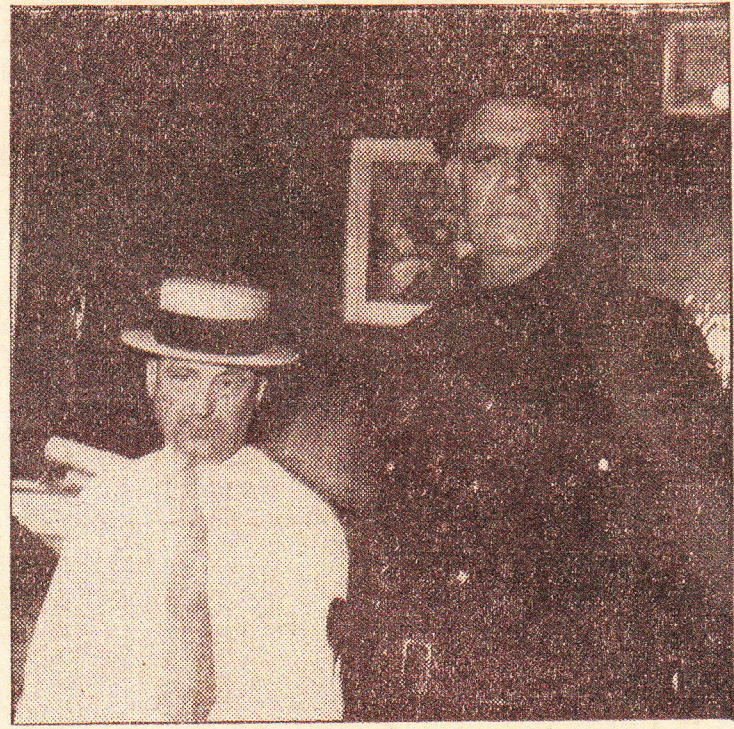
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Henry Page, president of the Page Dairy Co., is shown in the top picture holding the riot gun with which he fired at three bandits after they robbed a company employe of \$19,000 today at the Wade street entrance to the plant. It was believed he wounded one of the bandits and thus saved the life of Patrolman Joseph Menke, shown in the lower picture, who stood with his hands raised at the mercy of the quick-shooting robber.

The other man in the lower picture is Vern Fogle, 3102 Northwood avenue, the company employe from whom a satchel containing the money was taken.