

East Syracusean Shot Dead When Mistaken for Burglar

East Syracuse 2/28/38



Sgt. H. F. Spellley holding the gun from which a fatal shot was fired at East Syracuse yesterday morning; Andrew Babczewski, owner of the gun; Chief Michael D. Wrenn of the East Syracuse police and Trooper Earl Fogarty.

Friend Fires

AWAKENED BY NOISE
Babczewski claimed he was awak-

Shooting Scene and Two Men **9E2692876**

Corporal
Sub-Station on Alameda



CORP. E. T. WILLIAMS, left, receives reports of current activities at the Homer sub-station from Corp. George E. Cowburn, who is leaving on his vacation. At right stands Trooper William Spelman of the Homer patrol.

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Suicide Is Decision In Aucock's Death

Utica Press 7-12/35

Decision of suicide was given in the death of Edward Aucock, 57, 1001 Steuben Street, after an inquest at Remsen Thursday afternoon by Dr. C. C. Whittemore, Iliion.

Mr. Aucock's body was found Wednesday night on the ground at the rear of his car in a small wooded area on a bank of Black Creek, two miles north of Northwood.

A rubber hose had been connected to the exhaust pipe of the car with one end at the head of the victim and a raincoat over his head. Death was due to carbon monoxide gas poisoning. Belief was expressed Mr. Aucock had been dead at least 10 days.

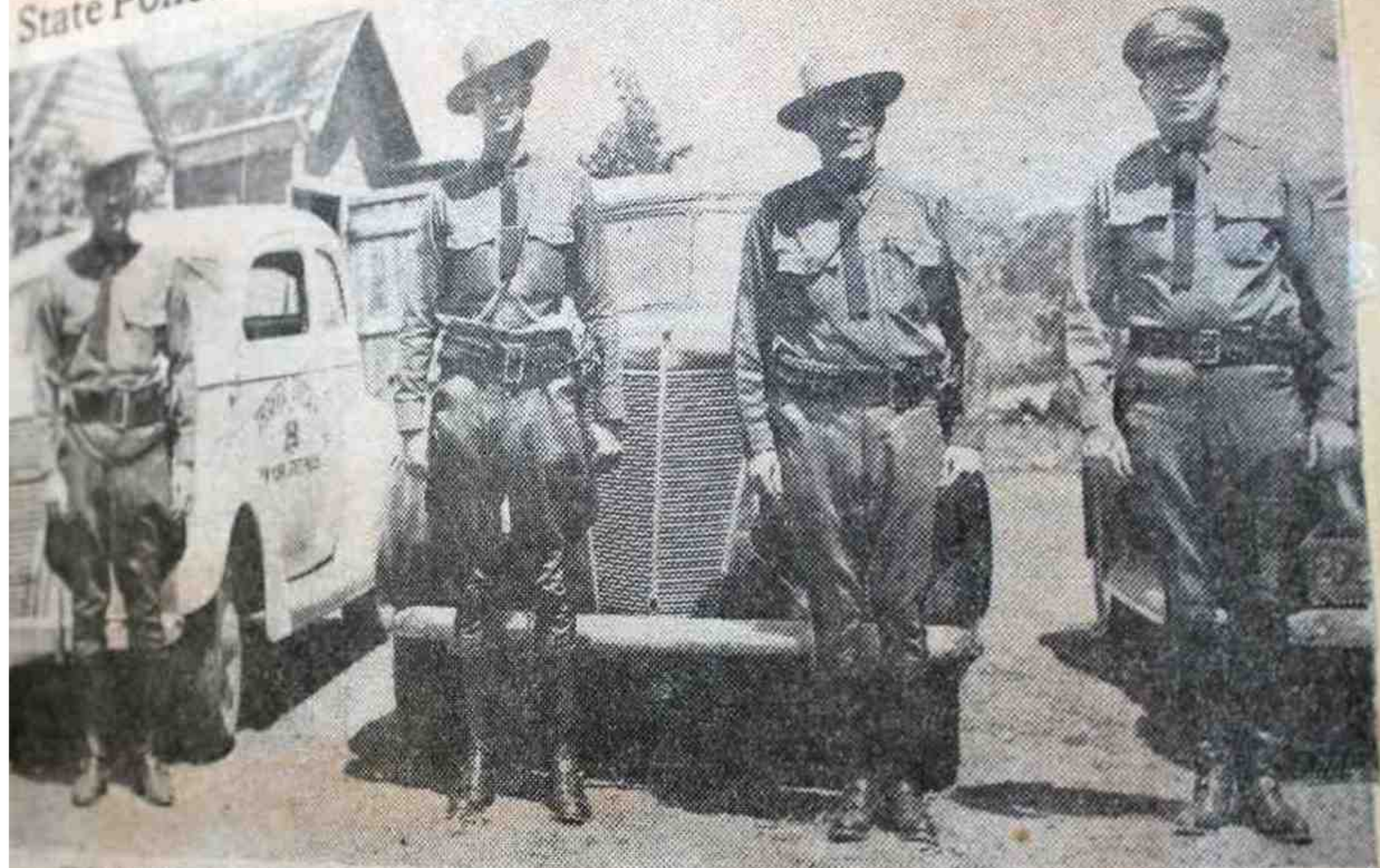
Six witnesses testified, including Ellsworth Worden, 16, who found the body, and Corp. George E. Cowburn and Trooper Earl Moochler, Remsen, who investigated. No motive could be discovered.

Mr. Aucock was born in Utica, Sept. 17, 1867, son of the late Jonathan and Anna Elizabeth Aucock and had always resided here. He was educated in the public schools.

He leaves a sister, Miss Mary E. Aucock, Utica; a brother, the Rev. Arthur M. Aucock, D. D., Asheville, N. C.

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State Police Take Over New Substation



This detail of troopers, shown with Lieut. Martin J. Dillon, will be quartered in the new Auburn substation opened Tuesday in the old Chappell homestead along Clark st. road, a mile west of the city line. In the group are Sgt. William M. Stevenson, in charge of the station; Corp. C. G. Doran and Trooper B. J. McNally.

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LOST AT THE FAIR. Jean Watkins, 7, of 1318 South State Street, burst into tears when she became separated from her sister, Myrtle, 13, this morning, but things weren't nearly so bad when First Sergt. H. J. Sanderson came along and took her in hand.

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SCENARIO OF FATAL ACCIDENT as reconstructed by Sgt. Howard Bentley, of the state police. The dots show the path taken by the car. Point A indicates where the car was struck and instantly killed. Dashed lines show the path of the car which hit the truck and the truck's path as it was struck by the car. The car was struck by the truck, striking a motorcycle and was slipping on gravel.



DRIVER OF DEATH CAR. Thomas W. Keefau, left, is questioned by Sgt. Howard Bentley, right, and Trooper Charles I. Stinson.



CAR IN WHICH KILLER WAS a Buick sedan which was involved in the fatal accident. The car was driven by Thomas W. Keefau.

Troopers Do a Good Job

The thing which is most generally discussed about criminal police work is the fairly large number of minor cases which have spectacular endings but get upon the headlines, but their solution does not cure the lack of peace officers' duties. It is their solution which is given to which may be equally important but of which importance is not given to it. The will must be given to support for it to be an effective force in the community.

In the country the state troopers patrol the law, partly because they are in uniform but also because they have a faculty for being in the service of complaints. We have to know, for instance, that Troopers Mery and Carter of the Bureau station had to drive to study when they received a report that several minor cases in that county had been solved. The average number of arrests which would have been had peace officers not a solution.

But these men are around. They know their territory and the people. This is in fact, a good job and there may even be a number of jobs who were getting a bad start in life. Perhaps this is the way the law may be made when they had better take the troopers' advice and stay out of trouble.

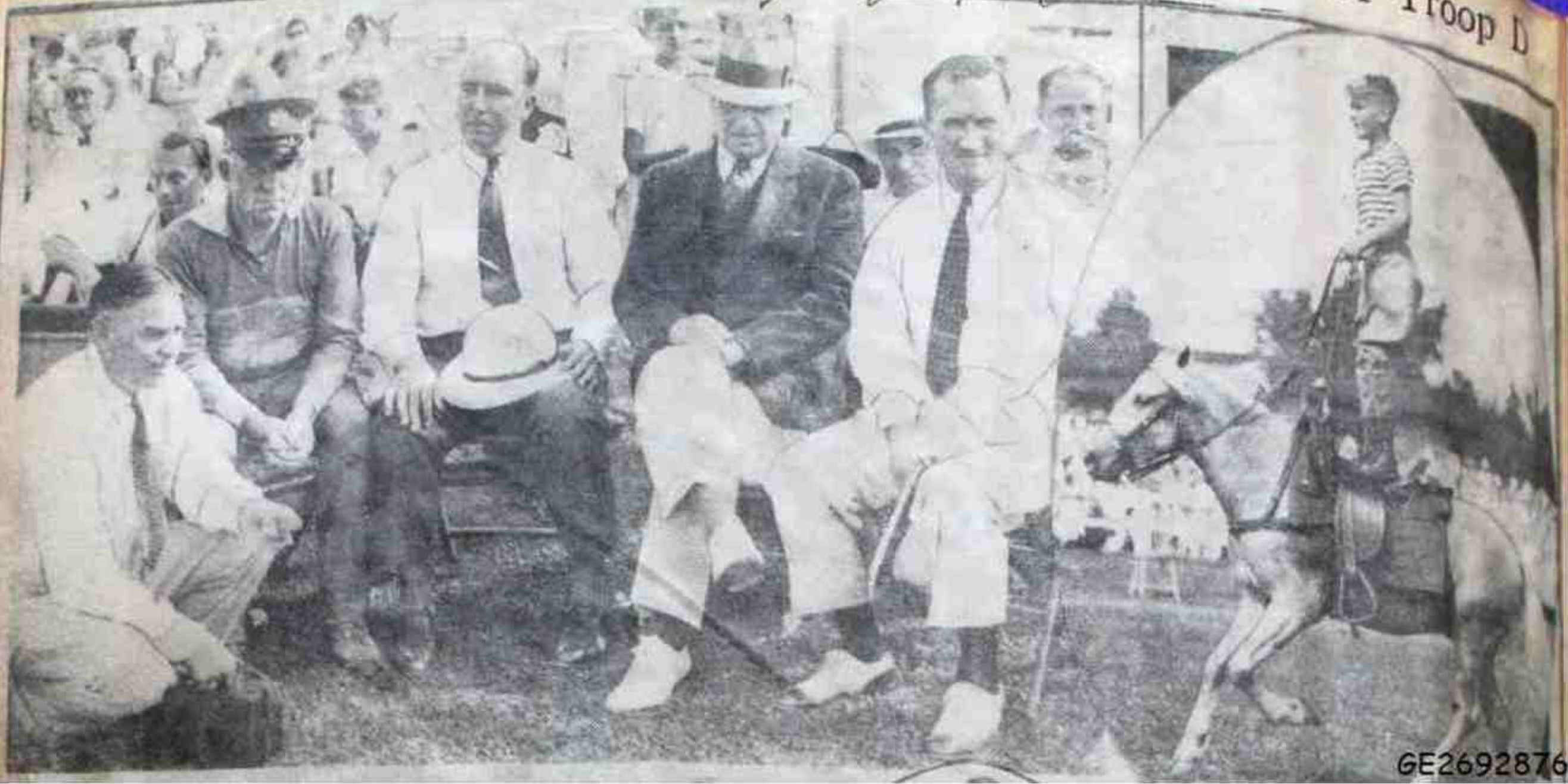
The officer's attitude is easily identified. He has a job to do. The better he does it, the greater are the peace and happiness of all the people in the area for which he is responsible. The most important phase of the trooper's work is that they take on much more with a relatively minor matter or with one of more importance. By clearing up the little ones they help to prevent the larger offenses which sometimes shock the community.



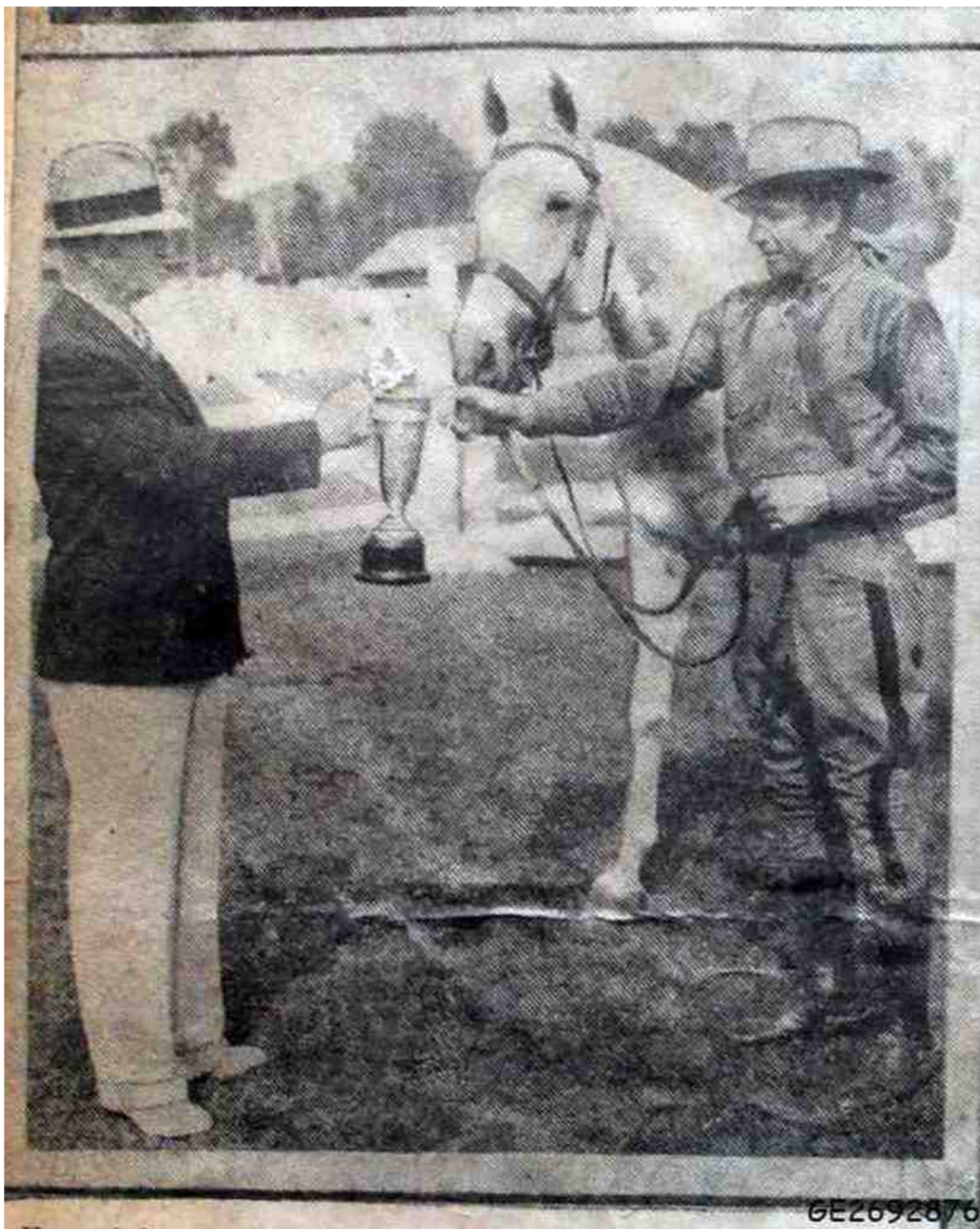
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Upper left—Group of visiting officers of state police guests of the field day. Picture shows Lieut. Charles McCann of Troop B at Malone, Capt. Stephen McGrath, in command of Troop D at Oneida, Capt. Charles Broadfield of Troop B, Col. G. F. Chandler, of New York, founder and first superintendent of state police of New York; Col. Donald Armstrong of Syracuse. Upper right—Walter (Spider) Mater, 11, of Utica, doing trick riding. Lower left—Trooper H. J. Burmeister, member of Troop G at Troy won the horse show silver trophy. Picture shows Trooper H. J. Burmeister receiving trophy from Capt. Charles Broadfield of Troop B at Malone. "Pat Grey" is the trooper's mount. Lower right—Troop D six-man pyramid rides thru arch of fire to thrill the crowds. Picture shows Sergt. Joe Devean, Corp. John Fitzpatrick and Troopers George Lawrence, Harold Hacket, Harold Harvey and John Mitryzk. Insert—Miss Beverly Carrier, 7, daughter of Trooper and Mrs. George W. Carrier of Wampsville, riding her mount, Flapper Fanny, thru arch of fire.

Scenes at Annual Field Day Held at Oneida Barracks of Troop D
Held Day Aug. 17-1935



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SERGT. SOLVAY PERRY

***J. L. Fitzpatrick
Is Named Corporal
Of State Troopers***



JOSEPH L. FITZPATRICK

Trooper Joseph L. Fitzpatrick of Syracuse, now stationed at the North Syracuse substation, State Police, was named a corporal yesterday by Capt. Stephen McGrath of Troop D, Oneida. Corporal Fitzpatrick has served with the State Police for the last five years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzpatrick of 511 Dewitt Street, this city. In his troop he is a rough rider and recently obtained a license as an aviator.

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TROOPER FREDERICK GUYLE

TROOPER RICHARD FOGARTY

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At Liverpool there are two men

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City's Leaders Gather for Final Tribute to Chief Carroll

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CHIEF CARROLL'S GRAVE WAS OPENED FRIDAY
FINDS HORRIBLE; WAS THE SCENE OF
FURIOUS DEMONSTRATION AS POLICE

CARRYING CHIEF CARROLL'S CASKET into St. Patrick's Church. The flower-covered coffin is at the right center. Lined up on either side of the walk leading to the church are the honorary bearers. In ranks in the rear at the left are the uniformed marching contingents of police, state troopers and firemen. Herald Staff Photo.

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Hundreds March in Escort From Home to St. Patricks Church Where Final Rites for Chief Are Held

Funeral services for Chief of Police Thomas Carroll occasioned an impressive expression of community respect and affection Monday morning, in a procession of officials, police, firemen and civic leaders forming an escort from the family home in Bryant Avenue to St. Patricks Church.

Mayor Marvin, Commissioner of Public Safety William E. Rapp, Deputy Commissioner Robert E. Handlin, Deputy Chief George S. Peacock and Second Deputy Chief of Police Edward H. Smith walking with bared heads behind the vanguard of mounted and motorcycle police, headed the procession of hundreds of men.

Police and firemen, including visitors from Rochester, Oswego and

Watertown and New York Central and state police contingents numbered more than 200. Police and fire groups marched with departmental banners furled and cased in black, beside the flag.

Downtown, the tolling of the City Hall tower bell 63 times, commemorating the years of Chief Carroll's life in Syracuse, gave public reminder of the funeral and voiced the city mourning also manifested in half-masting of the flag and the draping of the police building in black.

In the West End, however, where the big, quiet police officer lived all his days, the tribute to his life and character was more personal and human.

The home at 325 Bryant Avenue, where callers, messages and tokens of sympathy began arriving soon after

Friday morning, was the scene of moving farewells as police comrades of 37 years gave their last salute to their chief.

The casket stood amid flowers banked all about, almost ceiling high in the living room and reception hall of the house.

Honorary bearers were conducted into the house before the procession started, to look for the last time on their honored fellow-citizen and public servant.

St. Patricks Church, where the Rev. Daniel M. Hennessy, the pastor, was the celebrant of the solemn high mass of requiem beginning at 9:45 A. M., was filled to such extent as to preclude the accommodation of the uniformed men, many of whom took part in the procession after having worked all night.

Nine visiting priests and two monsignors in addition to the celebrant, deacon and sub-deacon, were in the sanctuary. Male voices, accompanied by organ music by Miss Alice Mullane, sang responses and parts of the mass of absolution for the dead, by Pietro Yon.

... POLICE COMMISSIONER.



ARMED STATE POLICE WHO PATROLED HIGHWAYS in Syracuse area in search for the three fugitives include, left to right, Troopers Frank Stritter, Western Ireland, Ertman

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TROOPER LAID TO FINAL REST



Members of Troop D, state police, carried the body of their fellow officer, Trooper Ken-
to its final resting place at the close of private services Monday afternoon in the home
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seager, in Sennett, Cayuga County. A salute was fired
at the grave in Sennett cemetery.

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Trooper Dies After Illness Of Ten Days

bureau for the last four years at
Troop D Barracks. He had been ill
for several days with pneumonia.
Trooper Devitt received a compound
fracture of the left leg and other in-
juries in the August, 1931, crash, in
which his motorcycle was crushed
a car driven by Bertram
15 years old

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Kevin Byrne, Trooper, Dies After Illness

Member of Troop D Is Unable to Rally From Geneva Operation

Stricken ill a week ago just as he arrived at the Seneca Falls home of his parents to start a month's vacation, Trooper Kevin J. Byrne, 28, a member of Troop D, state police, for four years, died in Geneva General Hospital at 5:30 P.M. yesterday.

Death came to the member of the Troop D rough riding team a week after he underwent a major abdominal operation. Critically ill since the operation, the trooper was given a number of transfusions. He died as fellow troopers were attempting to locate a Seneca Falls resident for another transfusion. He had been in an oxygen tent several days.

A former member of the detail stationed at the North Syracuse substation, Trooper Byrne was stricken shortly after he arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Byrne. He was removed to the hospital and several hours after his admission underwent the operation.

A graduate of Mynderse Academy, Seneca Falls, Trooper Byrne attended Notre Dame University two years, studying physical education. He was appointed to the state police in June, 1936.

Byrne was a member of the troop's cross-country rough riding team three years and besides serving assignments out of Onelda Barracks. Also served in outposts at Remsen, Elbridge and North Syracuse.

Surviving are his parents; a sister, Miss Margaret Byrne, and two brothers, Stephen and Vernon Byrne, all of Seneca Falls.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 A.M. Wednesday at the home and at 10 A.M. in St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. The Rev. H. L. Quirk will officiate and burial will be in St. Columbkil Cemetery, Seneca Falls.

Dies Suddenly



TROOPER KEVIN J. BYRNE

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at the Darus Brown Farm
Lake Como Road
July 11th, 1947



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Troopers Begin Season Equipped With New Motorcycles



OFF FOR ONEIDA BARRACKS with their new machines are, left to right, S...
ens J. Retman Cecuso, Charles O. Mink, Carmen...

DRIVER RAY...

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Silver-Colored 'Cycles Provided State Police

Syracuse Herald May 7-1936

Six new, silver-colored motorcycles, the last of an order of 22, delivered to the New York State police at Oneida Barracks, were ridden from Syracuse to the barracks Friday morning.

Sergt. Walter H. Mather, headed a detail of six men who brought back the machines.

Ten members of the Oneida station returned recently from a seven-day training session at the New York State Police Traffic School, conducted

in conjunction with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy.

They are Lieut. John P. Ronan, Sergt. William Stephenson, and Troopers J. Ertman Crouse, C. O. Mink, Kenneth J. Merrill, Fred Kelly, Melville Handville, Stanley S. Nickerson, Frank Scutter and Robert Flaherty.

Emphasized at the meetings were the new "three E's" of traffic—education, engineering on highways and enforcement.

TROOPER CARRIER PAINFULLY HURT

Motorcycle Skids, Throwing Him
to Pavement

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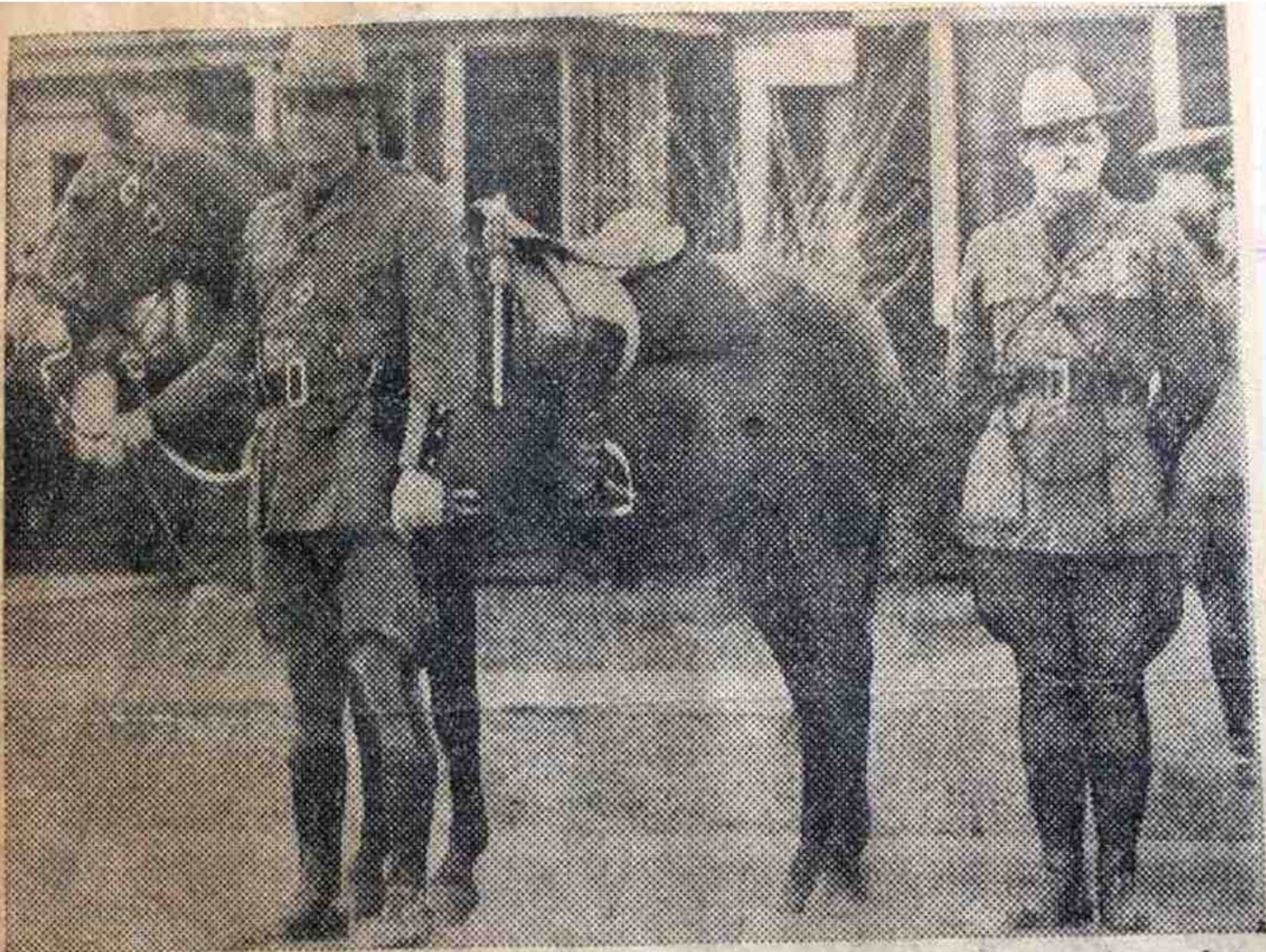
Trooper Suffers Brain Concussion
and Shoulder Injury

State Trooper Lee Carrier, New Hartford sub-station, was painfully injured when the motorcycle he was riding skidded and he was thrown to the pavement in avoiding a collision with an auto a short distance west of Kirkland shortly before 3 Friday afternoon.

He suffered concussion of the brain, shoulder injury and multiple bruises. He was taken to Faxton Hospital and is under the care of Dr. Fred J. Douglas.

Spencer W. Taylor, Clinton, driver of the auto, told Corp. Joseph Stealey he was entering the Syracuse Road from a dirt road opposite the Westmoreland Road junction. He said he stopped and, not seeing any vehicle near, entered the highway. As he did so his machine cut in front of the cycle, which was traveling west. Trooper Carrier applied the brakes of the cycle, but the machine struck some loose gravel on the pavement and went into a skid, throwing him. The cycle was only slightly damaged.

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Captain Nagell's horse, Tony, which was led in the cortege by
Sergt. H. R. Britton of Troop K.

TROOPERS PAY

State troopers lined the south side
of Clinton avenue from the Boulder
to the railroad tracks and stood at
attention while Captain Nagell

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city ever has witnessed.

More than 200 state troopers were in the long funeral cortege. Captain Nagell was stricken Tuesday afternoon while playing golf at Englewood, N. J.

Rev. George Y. Benton, pastor of First Methodist church, officiated at the funeral services at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Franklin P. Saunders, 50 Clinton avenue. The home was crowded. Many beautiful floral tributes banked the casket.

Honorary Bearers

Captains of the six troops in the state were honorary bearers. These men were: Capt. W. W. Robinson from Troop A at Batavia; Capt. J. J. Broadfield of Troop B, at Malone; Capt. Daniel Fox of Troop C at Sidney; Capt. Daniel McGrath of Troop D at Oneida; Capt. John M. Keeley of Troop G at Troy; and Inspector James Flynn in charge of Troop L at Babylon, L. I.

Six sergeants of Troop K, A. Tanner, E. J. Dougherty, A. Voris, I. Jagoda, C. Shaver and L. Snyder were active bearers. Bearing the flag draped coffin of their dead captain aloft upon their shoulders, the six bearers carried it from the Saunders home to the waiting hearse while several hundred people gathered about the residence.

Thru Firing Squad

As the body was taken from the house it passed thru a firing squad composed of Troopers Kormosky, Peluse, Lawson, Cappesser, Van Allen, Mochler and Dubois, in charge of Corporal Bock and headed by Corp. J. C. Curran, bugler.

Warner, director of the Capt. George B. Dutton Albany, and from Troopers Kimmeler, Hagemeyer.

Troopers Star Against

Several persons fined when brought to the attention of Peace Rhodes past two weeks. Troopers by Corporal Cowburn, drive against defective reckless driving.

A campaign is on to make village streets safe for grown-ups. There has been speeding of late.

Drivers seem to realize that village as they step

This should serve to remind our local offenders to mend their ways before they are picked up by the state troopers. Your stop signs will be of no use as it may save a life and your own.

The troopers as well as Peace Rhodes are doing a stop to this practice of streets as a speedway.

Responsibilities,

By Charles Herald 9/17/32



MORRISSEY

LIEUT. MARTIN F. DILLON

CAPT. STEPHEN D. McGRATH

LIEUT. JOHN A. CORART

LIEUT. JOHN P. RONAN



SERGE. E. C. LEFOY

SERGE. E. E. STICKLES

SERGE. SOLVAY PERRY

State Police Unit, Formed in 1917, Has Only Three Men of Original Force Over Which Captain McGrath Has Held Command

Onelda, June 13.—Troop D, Onelda Barracks, was one of the first four troops established when the state police was organized in New York State in 1917 and Capt. Stephen McGrath, troop commander, is the only member of the local unit who was among those trained in the camp near Manlius at the inception of the department 19 years ago.

Captain McGrath was appointed acting commander of the troop on July 1, 1920, and 15 days later was commissioned permanently in command. Only two men, Lieut. John A. Corart and Sergt. William McNichol, remain from those who were here when the captain arrived here.

One more change in the troop personnel was affected this week as the result of recent examinations in police headquarters at Albany, conducted in accordance with the plan to increase the number of men in each troop and also to create one new lieutenant

and three new sergeants in each troop.

Lieut. John J. Morrissey, stationed at Onelda Barracks since Feb. 1, 1932, and for the last year in charge of the bureau of investigation, popularly known as the "Scotland Yard," has been transferred to headquarters in Albany where he becomes an inspector with a rank of senior grade lieutenant in the secret operation division.

Sergt. Martin F. Dillon has been elevated to the rank of lieutenant, but as each troop will have four lieutenants, instead of three, another man will be promoted to that rank. Captain McGrath has not been advised if another member of the local troop will be advanced, or a new lieutenant sent from another troop.

Three new sergeants will increase the number of men of that rank from 13 to 16 and 12 recruits will raise the number of troopers from 83 to 95. This will give the troop a total of 111 men, an increase of 15 over the present 95.

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