

Interview of Ralph Holewinski File No. 2009.26.8C

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Sheriff

Ralph became sheriff of Otsego County after he returned from WWII. He was in his mid twenties.

As sheriff he and his family originally lived in the old courthouse. Edith, his wife. Was his under sheriff and chief cook for the jail. Bruno Muzyl was the only deputy. At that time, the sheriff worked mainly out of his office. There was little road patrol work. The State Police did most of the traffic control work. He used his own vehicle for police work at first. Then later the Board of Commissioners furnished patrol cars.

As Sheriff he issued Driver's Licenses.

When the new Courthouse was built the Sheriff's office was moved to the old gym. Once the new courthouse was finished then the office was moved to the new facility.

At some point he decided to purchase a home on North Center St. This was the former Kramer home. Now the home of the Albert's.