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Harry Toy Dead at 63 In Detroit

**Former Attorney General
Sought Governorship in
1938 Primary**

DETROIT, Sept. 9 (AP)—Harry S. Toy, 63, former Michigan attorney general and state supreme court justice, died today at his home in the Whittier hotel.

Toy, who also served as Wayne county prosecutor and Detroit police commissioner, had been in failing health for some time.

A leading state political figure in the 1930s, Toy opposed the late Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald unsuccessfully in the 1938 primaries.

Appointed associate supreme court justice in 1935 to fill a vacancy, Toy served 15 months.

Prior to this, Toy had been unanimously nominated as Republican candidate for state attorney general, and was elected by an overwhelming majority in 1934. He ran on a platform pledging a program of co-ordinated law enforcement in Michigan.

SERVED IN FRANCE

Born in West Virginia of Welsh-German parentage, Toy came to Michigan in 1910 to seek out a career. He worked his way through the Detroit College of Law, from which he was graduated in 1913 with high scholastic honors.

Entering what turned out to be a highly successful law practice, he turned from it to enter service in

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1917. Commissioned a first lieutenant, he was sent to France where he served as special observation officer with allied forces in the front lines during World War I. Promoted to captain, he continued to serve with combat troops for 18 months.

In 1919, Toy re-entered law practice in Detroit, becoming prominent in civic and political life.

SURVIVED LANDSLIDE

He was elected Wayne county prosecutor without opposition in 1930 on a platform pledging a militant battle against gang rule which was then at its peak in Detroit.

He was re-elected in 1932 as the sole Republican county official to survive the Democratic landslide.

Toy convicted 20 embezzling bank officials during his term as prosecutor, and personally conducted the successful prosecution of the notorious "Purple Gang."

Willard Ward, 80, Vermontville, Dies

Vermontville—Willard N. Ward, 80, a retired farmer who lived in this area 78 years, died Monday at the home of a son, Gerald, 615 Sixty-eighth st., SE, Grand Rapids.

Besides his son, he is survived by his wife, Julia; three daughters, Mrs. Leonard Joppie of Sunfield township, Mrs. Clair Herring and Mrs. Joseph Verbosky, both of Detroit; two sons, Willard of Lansing and Laurence of Marshall, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Ward observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary last Dec. 29.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Thursday at the Otto funeral home here. Burial in Woodlawn cemetery.

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