

Frank Croake

Steel Champions of 1909



Champions of the Industrial League of 1909 are pictured above in the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. team. The picture is the property of Ted Burgwald, 10628 Avenue F. In the first row, left to right are: Dr. William A. Rowan; Frank Kilduff, superintendent at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.; Bill Burgwald, employed in the Recorder's office in the County building and presently active in

Democratic politics in the 10th Ward; Bill Crocombe, Englewood; Atty. C. L. U. Clemens, former catcher for the Chicago Cubs now residing in South Bend; Joseph Lowe, former Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. employe now residing in Milwaukee, Wis.; In the second row, left to right: Unidentified; Al Sachs, East Side, deceased; Max Fisk, Roseland, deceased; Jim Stanley, Northend, now a fireman in Michigan City, Ind.; Wil-

liam Young, deceased; Tony Burgwald, Bill's twin brother, former East Side resident, now an electrician for the Erie R.R. in Huntington, Ind.; Oscar Hallen, former East Side policeman, deceased; Frank Croake, retired policeman from the East Side police district, Stony Island resident. The last row shows the first two unidentified with Tom Johnson and John Young next in line.

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Officer Croake Is Surprised Twice

Officer Michael Croake, of the East Side police district, his wife and family were pleasantly surprised last night while a party was going on in their home for a grandchild who had received the sacrament of confirmation. His son, Staff Sgt. Robert F., called and stated that he had just arrived in the city. Robert, a former agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Co. in this area, is attached to an air force camp at Tucson, Arizona.

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Singing Cop Joins Chorus Of Retired Bluecoats at 63

Although a patrolman, Officer Michael F. Croake, 8601 Dante av., can look back on his career in the Chicago police department and say he acted like a sergeant for many years. Officer Croake, who retired Sunday, having reached the compulsory retirement age of 63 years, had been acting as a desk sergeant or an aid to the desk sergeant most of his time in the department. A singer of some note, he had been a member of the police octette, which traveled the country, in the time of the late Mayor William Hale Thompson and his "America First" tour.

Born and reared in Stony Island, he became a member of the police department Sept. 23, 1915. He was

assigned to the desk at Woodlawn police district. In 1920 he went to Grand Crossing and returned to Woodlawn in 1934. From there he came to the East Side, where he again was assigned to desk duty.

An outstanding soloist, Officer Croake was a member of several church choirs. He sang in practically every South Side church at various church affairs.

Officer Croake hopes to take it easy for the rest of his days and between he and his wife, Anna, travelling they will reside at the above address. They have two children, Mrs. Elizabeth Calabrese teacher at Sullivan school and Robert, staff sergeant attached to an air base near Tucson, Arizona.

Michael Frank Croake

BIRTH	5 Apr 1885 Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa, USA
DEATH	4 Aug 1964 (aged 79) Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA
BURIAL	<u>Holy Sepulchre Cemetery</u> Alsip, Cook County, Illinois, USA
PLOT	Section 4 Block 1 Lot 50 Grave 5
MEMORIAL ID	207827165 · View Source