

Old Photo Album

By Al Hauser



Al Hauser, 87, has resided in Buffalo his entire life. He retired from the Buffalo Police Department in 1985 as chief photographer after 43 years of service.

His photography career started in the U.S. Army during World War II with special training at the U.S. Signal Corps. Photo Center in New York City. After the War ended, he returned from Okinawa to the Buffalo Police Department. With camera always ready, he had the privilege of working as photographer for a variety of organizations and functions throughout Western New York.

A new 1957 Ford patrol car photographed behind the Albright Art Gallery. Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society is visible through the trees in the background.

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Al Hauser pictured at the corner of Pearl and Court streets in front of the Erie County Savings Bank. Photograph by Telephone Company photographer Bill Fenlon.

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The Richardsonian Romanesque Erie County Savings Bank at Pearl and Court streets just prior to its destruction in 1968.
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Mayor Frank A. Sedita being sworn in for his first term as mayor of Buffalo, 1958. Outgoing Mayor Stephen Pankow (1954-57) takes the opportunity to grab a snooze.
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Police Detectives and their sons marching on Franklin Street to the annual Police Mother's Day Communion Mass at the old Cathedral, late-1950s. The photographer's father Frank and son Jerry are in the photo. AL HAUSER COLLECTION



Councilman Gerald Whelan supervising an anti-busing demonstration outside City Hall, early-1960s. AL HAUSER COLLECTION



The interior of "Old St. Joseph's Cathedral" during the annual Police Communion Mass.
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Photographer's son Jerry meets the Lone Ranger at the Police Circus, c. 1952. Jerry has just received a silver bullet from the masked man.
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