

CAPT. CONLISK DEAD; A POWER IN CITY POLICE

His Son Is Deputy Commissioner

Capt. James B. Conlisk, 72, former administrative assistant to five police commissioners and one of the most powerful figures in the history of Chicago police department, died yesterday of a heart attack in his home at 1315 Marquette rd.

Capt. Conlisk, who became a patrolman in 1914 and went into the commissioner's office in 1930 under the late Capt. John



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H. Alcock, was middle man between the city's Democratic politicians and the police department. For years he often had the last word on which po-

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IN THE passing of retired Police Capt. James B. Conlisk, the department has lost one of its most sterling members. A policeman for 46 years, Jim Conlisk not only rose from the rank of patrolman to confidential assistant to five police commissioners, but also kept his record completely free of any blemish.

Despite his great influence, Capt. Conlisk was a very modest man. He was easily accessible to all, civilians and police alike, and only his superiors and those involved know to what extent he went to aid those in trouble.

He and Mrs. Conlisk raised six sons and one daughter. His namesake, James B. Jr., is first assistant to Police Supt. Orlando Wilson, and two other sons are members of the force.

Typical of his way of life, Jim Conlisk continued to live at 1315 W. Marquette rd., although most of his neighbors have moved to the suburbs or outlying areas. There was nothing false about him.

The police school or some other departmental activity should be named in his honor as a fitting tribute to one who genuinely deserves the accolade of having been a credit to the force.