

STAG CLUB ELECTIONS

One of Lackawanna's oldest civic and social clubs, the Stag Club elected the following officers for the coming year: Erasmo Colello, president; Nicholas Silvestrini, vice - president; Pnsel George, treasurer; Louis Mauro, corresponding secretary; and Leonard DePaula, sergeant at arms.

President Colello in announcing the permanent committees for the year stated that the organization is planning to take a more active interest in civic and social affairs of the community. The committees which will assure this renewed interest are as follows:

Civic and Social Committee: Nicholas Milano, chairman; Michael Pacillo, Nicholas Sperduto, Nicholas Falcone, Nicholas Del Bello, Angelo Grosso, Alphonso Bracci, Frank Renzi, Anthony Thomas, Charles Niconetto.

House Committee: Anthony DePasquale, Anthony Grasso, Louis Petti, Louis Corsi, Valentine Mariotto, and Anthony Ranalli.

Special Awards Committee: Joseph Pacillo, Samuel Marinaccio, Nunzi Oddo, Joseph Milano, and Gerald Pacillo.

The Stag Club has been in existence for the past twenty-five years during which time their annual banquets were a feature event in the community.

Agree On Library Contract Changes

Representing the newly formed Erie County Public Library System, Joseph M. O'Mara, principal of the McKinley Elementary School, agreed with the delegate of the Buffalo Public Library, on several major changes in the contractual provisions that will serve for more beneficial and more efficient library service for Western New Yorkers.

Meeting last Wednesday both delegates decided that holders of County Library cards will have the privilege of drawing books and pamphlets from the Buffalo Public Library. Such books and pamphlets may be turned in to any County Library for forwarding back to the Buffalo Public Library, provided that reimbursement is made for any cost incurred.

According to Mr. O'Mara, who is chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the County Library System, a majority of the twenty odd community libraries already have returned signed contracts agreeing to participate in the County System.

Already approved by the Trustees of the Buffalo Public Library and by the Trustees of the County Library, ratification of such provisions by the Buffalo Common Council and by the Erie County Board of Supervisors followed at the December 9th meetings held by those two legislative bodies.

Lake Erie Ladies' Auxiliary Society

A gala New Year's Eve banquet sponsored by the Lake Erie Ladies' Auxiliary Society, will be held December 31, 1947 at the Lackawanna Hotel. Dinner will be served at 10 p. m. \$4.00 per person includes everything and attendance will be by reservations only. For reservations call, Mrs. Samuel Marinaccio, President; Mrs. Vincent Madar or Mrs. Michael Millo.

Named Sales Manager



Mr. Daniel Zaccarine has recently been appointed sales manager of the Peerless Sausage Manufacturing Company. Having been in the meat and delicatessen business before, Mr. Zaccarine is well qualified to hold the position.

Well known in Lackawanna, Mr. Zaccarine is a member of the Senior Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Post 63, American Legion.

JAYCEE NEWS

The Lackawanna Jaycees will hold a private bowling party and buffet lunch at the Knights of Columbus clubrooms on Delaware Ave. at 7 P. M. All members, their wives and friends are invited to attend to enjoy themselves until midnight. Members not having transportation should contact the president, Al Verel, at TR. 1717. Edward Szymanski is in charge of all arrangements.

On December 12th, at 2 P. M., the Junior Chamber of Commerce starts the first phase of its safety campaign in the city. Police Chief Charles Curtin will paint the first sign on the sidewalk at the corner of Ridge Road and South Park. This will be the first in a series of "Safety Reminders" that will be painted throughout the city in the next few weeks in an effort to make Lackawanna the safest city in the area.

This marks a new departure for the Jaycees, who will now maintain a permanent Safety Committee to function year-round, under the guidance of Chairman George Saab in a concerted drive to keep motorists, pedestrians, and children safety-conscious.

BONUS MEETING TO BE ATTENDED BY VFW MEMBERS

Commander Edward Gaul of the John B. Weber Post No. 898, VFW, announced Sunday night that the Post would be represented at a meeting in the Masten Ave. armory at 8 o'clock tonight to hear a detailed explanation of the New York State bonus. Leo V. Lanning, director of the Veterans Bonus Bureau, Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, and officials who will have charge of bonus work in Erie County, will be principal speakers.

The invitation received by Mr. Gaul was sent to all post commanders by Edward J. Zenger, director of the Erie County Veterans Service Agency, asking them to attend the meeting with the persons designated to direct the bonus setup in their respective organizations.

REV. VIFREDO DIES SUDDENLY

Just a day before he was to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his coming to Lackawanna, the Rev. Joseph Vifredo, 66, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, died in the rectory, 288 Ingham Ave., Saturday, of a heart attack.

The Office of the Dead was said yesterday at 4 P. M. and a pontifical requiem high mass was celebrated this morning at 10 A. M. in St. Anthony's. The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, CSC, bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, celebrated the mass, with Msgr. Joseph Gambino of Holy Cross Church, Buffalo, as deacon and the Rev. Teofilo Zutta, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's in Buffalo, as subdeacon. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Father Vifredo was born in France of Italian parents. After teaching high school in Barcelona, Spain, he undertook theological studies at Torino, Italy. In 1912, he was ordained in Susa, Italy. In 1914 he came to America to the Buffalo Diocese and first served as assistant pastor of St. James Church, Jamestown.

He was later assistant pastor of St. Lucy's in Buffalo and was appointed pastor of St. Anthony's in Lackawanna. This appointment was made by Rt. Rev. Nelson H. Baker, who was vicar-general of the diocese.

Father Vifredo is survived by two brothers, Celestine, of Valence, France, and a Christian Brother, and Vincent of Endicott, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Chiabaud of Susa, Italy, and Miss Marie Vifredo of Lackawanna, who served as Father Vifredo's housekeeper.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR BUCZEK

Funeral services for John Buczek, 34, who was killed last week when fire swept his garage apartment at 38 Caldwell Pl., were held Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. in St. Barbara's Church. The Rev. Stephen Szczepanski officiated.

Mr. Buczek was the victim of a blaze started apparently by a lighted cigarette which he had been smoking before falling asleep and which ignited the bedding, police said. Firemen, who were at the scene about an hour before they could enter the building, found Mr. Buczek's charred body in the ruins.

According to police and firemen, Joseph Buczek and his wife, who also lived in the same building, were awakened by smoke. They fled believing John also had escaped.

Medical Examiner Aaron Wagner issued a certificate of accidental death. Damage to the apartment, which is owned by Joseph Buczek, was estimated at \$1500.

Osborne Hurt In Accident

While crossing Ridge Road near Electric Ave. Monday morning, William Osborne, 1405 Electric Ave., was struck by a car driven by Edwin Kasperek, according to police. He suffered a fractured nose.

In a statement to police, Mr. Kasperek said that he did not see Mr. Osborne crossing the street.

Mr. Osborne is employed by an office supply company in Buffalo.

12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

VFW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SHOWS AMAZING RESULTS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CHAIRMAN GWOREK HIGHLY PLEASED WITH CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Stanley J. Gworek, senior vice-commander and membership drive chairman of the John B. Weber Post No. 898, VFW, submitted a report, showing the progress of the current mammoth membership drive in progress, to Commander Edward Gaul. The report reveals that the campaign for new members, the retention of continuous members as indicated by the number paying their 1948 dues, and reinstatement of former members, has produced amazing results even when compared to last year's tremendous record.

MASS HONORS WAR II DEAD

Sponsored by the American Serb Club, a Mass was held Sunday, December 7, at the St. Steven Serbian Orthodox Church for the World War II dead who were members of the parish. The Mass was said immediately following the regular Sunday High Mass and the pastor, Rev. Miroslav Dubak, officiated. An overflow crowd of over 400 was in attendance.

Present at the service was an Honor Guard in charge of Michael Budimirovich. Other members were George Arbutin, George Baich, Steven Zailac, Sam Dujanovich, Michael Munich, George Smiljanich Jr., and Charles Vranjes.

Members of the parish who were remembered in the Mass were: Nicholas Dukich, Bernard Budimirovich, Peter Kozlina, John Mink, Lazo Simandich, Nikola Vukbratovich, Eli Schustich, and William Drakulich.

Arrangements were under the chairmanship of Dan Stojanovich.

GALANTI AA HAS ELECTION

At an election meeting in the Galanti AA clubrooms Sunday afternoon, the members elected Ralph Carestio, a Board of Education member, as President for the coming year. Mr. Carestio pledged his utmost efforts toward making this the biggest and most successful year in the annals of the Galanti AA.

An excellent golfer and sports enthusiast, Mr. Carestio will have the active support of the other officers elected with him: Louis Marinelli, vice-president; Ralph Marinelli, treasurer; Edwin Di Cenno, recording secretary; Joseph Spiker, corresponding secretary; Fermio Pietrocarlo, sergeant at arms; and three members composing the Board of Directors: Joseph Covino, Vincent Bracci, and Frank Renzi.

PRESS CARRIERS JOIN SERVICE

Two former Steel City Press carriers last week entered the service of their country. They are Arthur DiCenzo, 18, Steelawanna Avenue, and Donald Antonucci, 17, Wilmuth Street. Both were juniors at the Lincoln Annex High School when they enlisted.

The two former carriers distributed the Steel City Press in the Steelawanna-Baker Homes section. They are both former high school athletes. Each played at an End position on the Lackawanna High football teams of 1946 and 1947 where they earned varsity letters and sweaters.

Mr. Gworek, in commenting on the excellent report, declared, "This response to a VFW drive is not unusual when all the factors involved are considered. The great body of veterans in our community are increasingly becoming aware of the truly representative character and cosmopolitan nature of the VFW."

"Almost every nationality in the community, every section of the city is well represented in the huge membership rolls which in the short space of three years has swelled to such proportions that the Weber Post is recognized in the County as one of the largest, and in the City as the largest veterans' organization," he added.

Continuing his explanation of the success of the drive, Mr. Gworek pointed out that more and more veterans are convinced that the Weber Post has taken a courageous, sound, and impartial stand on matters which vitally affect the welfare of the great majority of veterans, and by joining up in such large numbers they indicate an endorsement of that policy.

Thanks Committee, Press

In addition, he recognized the excellent work of the membership committee which is working with him. Giving credit and thanks to the Press, Mr. Gworek emphasized the point that its cooperation in publicizing the drive was also an appreciable factor in the campaign.

In the two months since the 1948 dues became payable, Mr. Gworek stated that the number of members paying their dues has far exceeded the number who paid their dues for the corresponding period last year. Breaking it down to percentages, he pointed out that the paid-up membership for October of this year was 143% larger than for October 1947. For November of this year the percentage soared to 195% more than last November's paid-up membership. The total membership now runs well over 800.

"The membership drive will continue until every potential and eligible member has had an opportunity to join Lackawanna's most aggressive Veterans organization—the John B. Weber Post No. 898, VFW."

St. Hyacinth's CYC Dance

The CYC of St. Hyacinth's is holding a mid-holiday dance at Dom Polski Hall on Saturday, December 27th. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p. m. to the music of Johnny Brooks and his orchestra.

The chairman for the affair is Eugene Karmelek, assisted by Angie Koltys as co-chairman.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to improve the clubrooms.

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