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Local High School Team At Syracuse

OUR LADY OF VICTORY QUICKLY OVER TOP IN CATHOLIC CHARITY DRIVE, OTHERS HERE CLOSELY FOLLOWING

ASSUMPTION PARISH EQUALS QUOTA, O. L. V. GOES \$304 BEYOND, ST. BARBARA'S CLOSE TO SUCCESS ON MONDAY, SCORE OF PARISHES IN DISTRICT IN GREAT CAMPAIGN.

One Lackawanna parish is already over the top and other are closely following in the Catholic Charity Drive. The figures herewith are actual returns received at headquarters up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the date stated. They show what the parishes in District No. 4 have done to date in the Charity campaign.

St. Agatha, \$2,098; St. Bonaventure, \$626.50; St. Bridget's, \$1,759.50; St. Bernard's, 100.00; Holy Family, \$5,520.00; St. John the Evangelist, \$4,137.00; St. Monica's, \$894.75; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, \$1,580.50; St. Stephen's, \$2,149.00; St. Theresa's, \$6,252.75; St. Thomas Aquinas, \$3,080.00; St. Valentine, \$550.85; St. Casimir, \$1,110.00; Blasielli, O. L. of Good Counsel, \$745.50.

Gardenville, Fourteen Holy Helpers, \$900.00; Lackawanna, Our Lady of Victory, \$3,304.50; St. Anthony's, St. Barbara's, \$989.00; St. Charles, Assumption, \$1,580.00; Sacred Heart, St. Michael's, \$550; St. Martin's \$1,129.00; Winchester, St. William's, \$148.50; St. Ambrose, \$1,392.75.

LACKAWANNA GIRLS SCORE GREAT HIT IN BIG BUFFALO RALLY

Russian songs and dances by Friendship groups among highlights of district camp fire meet.

Wicohan Camp Fire Numbers one and two of Friendship House took part in a big Grand Council Fire at Elmwood Music Hall last Saturday evening at 7:45. Our girls have been greatly honored by being given a part in the Pageant when they presented the Vols Boat Song in Russian and danced in Russian costumes. A solo dance was given by Miss Mary Kuty.

Miss Doris Eggleston and Miss Catherine Barber, guardians of the Wicohan Camp Fire coached the girls. There was an exhibit of hand work of various countries and Mrs. Dimitar Nickoloff's beautiful embroideries and crochet work will be on display. Mrs. Nickoloff teaches Russian cross-stitch at the Friendship House. There has been great enthusiasm over Camp Fire at the Friendship House this winter and there are 34 girls enrolled.

At a meeting last Monday night Miss Margaret Nytrahl was chosen as Big Sister for tribe No. 1 and Miss Mary Nesha as Big Sister for tribe No. 2.

CLOTHING TO JOBLESS FROM FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Since early in December Friendship House has been receiving and giving clothing. During January 509 persons received clothes there and during February 598 people were aided in securing clothing to year.

There is great need for all kinds of clothing and donations will be gladly called for.

People have been most generous in helping this work, which is going forward under the leadership of Rev. H. W. Richmond the director of the Friendship House.

100 PERCENT. SEWER ASSESSMENT FOR ELECTRIC AVENUE IMPROVEMENT TO STAND UNDER STATE LAW, CITY COUNSEL OPINION

That the current tax levy for the storm sewer in Electric avenue is consistent with the requirements of the laws of New York state, and can not be changed to a fifty per cent basis in effect by the city, is the opinion of Corporation Counsel Rudolph S. Weinstein submitted this week to the common council.

"The practice in the past has been to the effect that any storm drain sewer installed separate from the paving improvement has been assessed 100 per cent against the property benefited," Mr. Weinstein said, "and of course any put in, in conjunction with the paving of a street, is assessed on a 50 per cent of the city's money goes to the building improvement and the storm drain acts as part of improvements."

"It appears from the records that the local improvement was assessed for the year 1928 on a 50 per cent basis due to a misunderstanding. It was then corrected in the year 1929 to follow the

Seek Clear Title to City Streets for Fire Hydrants

Property owners ready to deed rights to street over to city as soon as deeds are ready, is report.

Clear title by the City of Lackawanna to certain streets is now soon to be obtained it appears, even if civil litigation should be necessary so that the mayor and council can rightfully request of the Western New York Water company for the placing of water hydrants in Nassau parkway and in Meadow View. It is necessary that the city obtain title to the streets.

Map of the section which now is filed with the county clerk has been prepared by Lackawanna City Engineer Timothy N. McCormick.

Deeds now are being prepared for the signatures of the property owners of the respective streets. It is anticipated that these deeds will be executed in the near future.

Owners of property in the two streets are reported to be willing to deed their rights of the street to the city.

With the completion of this legal procedure the hydrants will be installed assuring Nassau parkway and Meadow View residents of adequate fire protection. All streets within the city limits then will be equipped with fire hydrants equally spaced on either side of the thoroughfare.

Mayor, Others Praise Students

City Officials Reflect Admiration of all community in Basketball Record.

City officials, newspaper men and many others were participants in the Friday rally of the student body of Lackawanna high school when Mayor Malone Corporation Counsel Weinstein, Mayor's Secretary Patrick McMahon and others delivered addresses that reflected the entire city's admiration for the great record of the Lackawanna high school basketball team this season.

The mayor commended the members of the high school basketball team on the high type presented by them throughout the regular school schedule and in the state playoffs. He extended to the team his well wishes for a successful encounter in the Kenmore high school gymnasium Friday evening, which resulted in the local boys winning the W. N. Y. championship.

Mayor Malone was followed in his address by an address by Patrick J. McMahon, secretary to the mayor, and by Rudolph S. Weinstein, former Lackawanna high school athlete and now corporation counsel.

The rally was concluded by an address by Delzon Fisher basketball coach, and by spirited cheer meeting.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HONOR FATHER BAKER AT ELABORATE TEA

Lace Cloth, Ivory Tapers in Silver holders adorn table When women of Lackawanna Parish pay tribute to beloved leader of charity.

Further honors came to Monsignor Nelson H. Baker this week when Court Msgr. Baker, 1043, Catholic Daughters of America, honored their chaplain, Msgr. Nelson H. Baker at an informal tea Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m. in their clubrooms in the Cotton building. The tea celebrated Msgr. Baker's 55th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The table was laid with a lace cloth and decorated with ivory tapers in silver holders and centerpiece of spring flowers and ferns. The musical program was arranged by the Misses Mary Connolly, Margaret Leffler, Mary Farrell, Nora McLaughlin and Flora Rescigno.

The Misses Lillian Dempsey, Catherine Bonner, Rose Kovack and Marjorie McDonald were hostesses and the serving committees included the Misses Adelaide Barrett, Sally Bonner, Mary Osborne, Mary Reap, Catherine Hayden, Helen Tmlin, Anne Bonner, Mary Kovack, Rhea Keating, Grace Wright, Doris Schilling and Claire Reap.

Members of the court who formed the reception committee were the Misses Mary V. Bonner, Anna O'Rourke, Loretta Avery, Regina Fennie, Rose Reap, Katherine Reap, Nora Dillon, Eleanor Brach, Margaret Quinn, Alice Dowd, Anna Marchina, Mary Mulvihill, Agnes McCarthy, Eva Dougherty, Mary Polan, Mary Malone and Catherine Manning.

Man About Town To Report All Cars Cutting In Parkway

Fearless Observer For This paper to start campaign against reckless driving. Cutting short circle must stop.

Cutting to the inside of the big circle in McKinley parkway by automobile drivers must cease according to highway authorities who this week pointed to the practice as exceedingly dangerous, now that McKinley parkway extension southward is growing rapidly in wider use.

The Man About Town stood for an hour at the big local circle and watched South Park avenue headed north and after the short few blocks ride that carried the machines up over the railroad viaduct observed no less than four drivers cut short at the circle turn left and continue northward toward Buffalo without taking the trouble to observe the traffic signs and go around the circle.

Burden of responsibility, declare highway officials, will rest with the offending motorists who cut short the circle, in event of collision, now that the extension southward is in use.

Later this week Our Man About Town will obtain if the police and highway authorities want them, the license numbers of offending machines.

We would not hesitate to grab the number of any such offending machine, no matter what city official, police he or she is riding in the car.

Local and Vicinity Scouts Honored

Bethel Troop members of Lackawanna given awards of merit at Boy Scout assembly

Scout Roy Thompson of Troop 2 of the Presbyterian Church of Hamburg was advanced to Eagle Scout rank and Paul F. Sipes, Jr., of Troop 4 of the Parent Teachers' Association of Woodlawn to Star Scout rank at the meeting of the Court of Honor of this district of the Erie County Boy Scouts with Assistant Deputy Paul O. Clark in Hamburg High school last Wednesday evening March 18 according to announcement by Council headquarters, Buffalo.

Scouts Harold R. Coots and Kenneth Herschel of Troop 9 of the Methodist Church of Hamburg were advanced to First Class rank, also granted to Signmund Gastelewick of Troop 23 of Bethel Presbyterian church of Lackawanna. Scout Arthur Klefer of the latter troop qualified for Second Class rank.

Troop 25 of St. James Lutheran Church of Hamburg presented a creditable number of successful applicants before the Court, Richard Koch Paul Meyer, Louis J. Nesbitt and George W. Ross being advanced to Second Class rank, the Merit Badge for Marksman-ship being granted to Asst. Scoutmaster John Will.

Other members of the Court reviewing these applications with Asst. Deputy Scoutmaster Charles W. Abbott and Edward G. Sullivan, Percy J. Neusch and James P. Roberts.

Oswego Will Be Powerful Foe For Steelawannas

Council Soon To Act On Larger Health Quarters

Recommendations of representatives of State Department for more room for local staff believed now favorable to City fathers.

The local common council is expected shortly to act favorably on recommendations of representatives of the New York State Board of Health for larger quarters and free treatment of needy sick here.

In the general comment of the board of Social Welfare on the conditions under which the Lackawanna Board of Health operates it was stated that two rooms on the second floor of the Lackawanna City hall are used for the clinic work and for offices at other than clinic hours. One of the rooms also is used for Council meetings.

Space Inadequate At Present

"The space available for the work is inadequate," the report states, "and fails to provide suitable dressing space. A section of the chamber is screened off for men waiting examination in the tuberculosis clinic and the office the health commissioner is used as a dressing room for women awaiting examination."

"This is an evening clinic and special attention must be given to heating in order that a temperature satisfactory for examination may be obtained."

Continuing the report reveals "the examinations represent few new positive cases and in many instances examinations are farthest and quiescent cases are made."

"The city employs four nurses for district nursing and clinic work. Recently this city has been divided into four zones and one nurse has been assigned to each zone to work under the general supervision of a nurse visit homes."

"These nurses make home visits and care for all of the patients in their respective districts."

"Specialists from Buffalo come for the tuberculosis and pediatric clinics and are paid for their services. Patients requiring medical care are referred to their private physicians, the clinics being held for examinations only."

"Prescriptions are issued in special cases and are paid for by the dispensary if the applicant is unable to meet the expense."

Agreeing that the work conducted by the City Department of Health was conducted under difficulties, the board comments: "The work, done under many disadvantages, appears to be well organized and efficient equipment suitable for the work undertaken in available."

The report again requests more space be provided for the department.

DEATH SUMMONS DAVID J. McDONALD

Scores in this city early this week mourned the death of David J. McDonald, life long resident who died Saturday, March 21, after an illness of several days.

He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Murphy McDonald and the father of Francis, Edwin, Ella Charles, Donald, Mrs. William Hassey and Mrs. Bernard Farrell.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning from the family residence, No. 25 Downing street, this city, at 8:30 a. m. and at 9 o'clock from St. Ambrose church.

A Unique Birthday Party At Father Baker's Infant Home

Mrs. William Sullivan and Mrs. Chas. Weber are making elaborate plans to hold a unique Birthday Party at Our Lady of Victory Infant Home parlor on Tuesday afternoon April 14. Tables will be arranged to represent the months of the year and each hostess will have fitting decorations for the respective tables where a luncheon will be served at 12:30.

Cards will be played in the afternoon and many prizes have been secured. If reservations is desired phone Mrs. William Sullivan Fillmore 2434-R or Mrs. Charles Weber Abbott 0443.

PEDRO CARD PARTY AND DANCE

On Thursday evening, March 26 1931 a Public Card Party and Dance will be held at the Pithian Temple Auditorium, 118 1/2 E. 1st street near Michigan avenue under the auspices of the Pithian Temple Building Assn. Valuable prizes and other merchandise will be given as prizes and three door prizes will be awarded. Chairman Geo. H. L. L. promises a good time to all who attend the party. The proceeds of this party will be added to the Building Fund.

NORTHERN NEW YORKERS DEFEATED BUT ONCE IN 23 STARTS. LOCAL TEAM CONFIDENT OF VICTORY CITY PROUD OF BRILLIANT RECORD OF STEELAWANNAS.

Dave Power's big and speedy quintet from Oswego will meet the brilliant Steelawannas at Archbold Gymnasium, in Syracuse on Friday, March 27. The records of the teams show them to be fairly evenly matched, although, Oswego's rangy size will prove a great advantage.

Oswego has produced consistently good basketball teams under the very capable direction of Dave Powers, who has been coach in the power city for many years. This year's record is by far the most splendid yet attained. Many of the outstanding teams of Central and Northern New York have fallen an easy prey to the speed and deadly shooting of Oswego. Little Falls, State Scholastic Champions of 1930, has twice been defeated, and Syracuse Central has also bowed on two occasions. By defeating Johnson City, winners of the Southern section on last Friday, Oswego earned the right to represent Central and Southern New York in the final playoffs. It is generally conceded that the winner of the Oswego-Lackawanna tussle will eventually be crowned the state champion. Word has been received from Oswego that two special trains have been chartered to make the journey to Syracuse, and the Orange and Black will find itself liberally supported by their townspeople.

City Proud of Record

Our city is justly proud of the brilliant record achieved by the Lackawanna High School team but behind their superb playing is a notable and enviable record in scholarship. It is another story behind the headlines.

Fansy incomparable captain of the Lackawanna High school quintet, has proved that other than leading his team to a dazzling victory is as well capable of solving the most baffling mysteries of chemistry and of successfully smashing every stubborn stand and defense of Euclid.

Downey, who are glad to say, exhibits the same customer-coolness and equanimity of the court as upon the battle field of History and English.

Reyman, spirited, fighting, dashing forward has ranked himself along with the best of Seniors and shows a perseverance and thoroughness with books that closely aligns itself with his perfect basketball playing.

We are prone to look upon post-graduates as negligent in studies. If so Rustica, strong and rugged guard proves a splendid exception.

Novak, brilliant forward, temporarily disabled by an injury to his ankle in the middle of the basketball season, did not permit it to slow down his fine playing. He has mastered the intricacies of the French language so well that his re-

ports are far above the average. His scholarship is not restricted to this one field for he has proved himself on a par with the best in the difficult subject of Intermediate Algebra.

Our tall center, Szabo, who has been vitally instrumental in winning of each and every game is conceded to be a "shar" in Algebra, Latin and Ancient History.

Munich, spunky little alternate of Captain Pansy is a senior, who has distinguished himself in the classroom and is very close to obtaining a merited state scholarship.

Last, but, by far, not the least, Saunders, other than winning laurels on the basketball court has achieved marks that compare favorably with his perfect checking and passing.

Scholastic records such as these have rarely, if ever been equaled and the City of Lackawanna may well be proud of these players, not only as athletes, but as scholars as well.

Hard Schedule

Lackawanna High School's basketball march through the 1930-1931 season has been an advance never witnessed before in the history of our athletic endeavors. For its second successive year the Steel awannas have won the Southern Erie County League without defeat, without even meeting anything resembling resistance. Hamburg, Springville, East Aurora, and West Seneca High schools in turn bowed in defeat to the brilliant even marvelous play of the Lackawanna boys.

With the purpose in mind of trying the mettle of the boys who will carry the colors of our city at the State Tournament at Syracuse, the Athletic Board had mapped out a schedule never before attempted. Meeting teams of the calibre of Dunkirk, Hutchinson, Niagara University Freshmen, and Canastota has more than anything else prepared the team for the hard grind of inter-sectional competition. The players erred sometimes; they were rather off their game, but after each contest, with a thoroughness and perseverance that Napoleonic under the direction of Coach Del Flister, they attacked and overcame their faults.

Under continual training, going through tireless practice day after day, the Lackawanna boys, have been defeated but once in a schedule of 22 games. Too much credit cannot be given to the men who stood by the boys through the long season, directing and criticizing, working night after night in order to perfect his boys in the games that:

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Miracle Saves Officer Mahoney From Death In Free-For-All Battle In Gates Ave. Cops Stand off 75 Men

TRIGGER JAMS, KEEPS BULLET FROM DEATH MISSION AFTER FIRST WILD SHOT JUST MISSES POLICEMAN COPS BRAVE WILD CLUB-SWINGING AND DANGER OF MORE BULLETS TO BATTLE PRISONERS AND GET THEM TO LOCK-UP. BRAVERY OF OFFICERS IN HOSTILE CROWD OF 75 MERITS COMMENDATION OF TAXPAYERS.

How the trigger of a deadly revolver held in the hand of an enraged man, jammed, and saved the life of Patrolman William Mahoney of the local police department, was told yesterday when two Cheektowaga individuals were arraigned on charge of assault.

The intervention of fate that spared the life of Patrolman Mahoney in nature of a jammed gun trigger, after one shot had been fired from dangerously close range in a crowd of excited spectators, is one of the marvels of local police history.

Escape From Death Miracle.

That the patrolman is alive and continuing his fight, with his buddies for the preservation of law and order is the cause of great rejoicing throughout the department.

Police report that Patrolmen Mahoney and Sparra were doing plainclothes duty in Gates avenue about 3 a. m. last Friday morning. Walking along they suddenly heard noise of combat in a place at No. 522 Gates avenue where a dance had been in progress for the greater part of the night starting early Thursday evening.

The patrolmen entered and discovered about seventy-five persons milling around. A woman was tending bar or at least stood behind the bar with a great crowd mixing around in the main portion of the hall.

This place is claimed to be operated by Michael DeJancek, who as proprietor was taken to court, arraigned and fined \$100.

When Mahoney and Sparra entered the place a burly chap is said to have started swinging a heavy piece of staircase railing aiming at everybody in general. Officer Mahoney started to grapple with the man to prevent him laying half a dozen persons low. He swung the club and smashed Mahoney's arm as the policeman protected his head.

Just as the officer grappled with the man a shot rang out from behind the patrolman and a bullet whizzed dangerously close to him.

Death Messenger Falls.

Meanwhile Officer Sparra, thinking Mahoney had been wounded, mixed with half a dozen others to fight his way through the crowd to Mahoney's side.

Mahoney, at the gun report, dropped to the floor and pulled his prisoner around in front of him to shield him. Then Sparra got through, also to lay hands on him.

Just then there was a click of a revolver trigger from behind them again, but the gun failed to explode, Mahoney's life was spared and the two policemen jumped the two Cheektowaga alecks out of the crowd, into the hallway where they made them secure, and took them off to police headquarters.