

Police Department Effective Annual Report Shows

Percentage high in Recovering Stolen Property and Cars; Many Interesting Facts Disclosed.

The annual report of the Lackawanna Police Department for the year 1931 which has just been issued shows that the department functioned efficiently during the past year in upholding the law and bringing to justice those who break it. Their average for recovering stolen property and stolen cars compares favorably with that of any other police department in the country with a total value of \$15,618.25 or 71 percent recovered out of a total of \$22,109.04 reported stolen and a record of having recovered 31 out of the 32 automobiles reported stolen in the city.

males led in the number of men arrested, black U. S. females and in the number of women who fell into the hands of the law. 25 to 29 seems to be the age for both men and women when they are in the most danger of arrest and after the age of 39 the number decline sharply, perhaps because by the time they reach that age most people learn the truth about that axiom that however two women over eighty and one woman over sixty whose names were entered on the blotter for the year. That nobody is from from reach of the law is proven by the fact that people following almost every conceivable profession were arrested during the year. Leading the list were laborers with a total of 1622 arrests, those with no occupation 266 and students were high on the list with 64. Among the others were doctors, newsboy, police officer, midwife, caddy, banker, optician, attorney, actor, special officer, chemist, butcher and farm hand.

While Strolling

Sign in local restaurant: Sandwiches, Ham, Cheese, Roast Beef and Soup. How do you go for a soup? The boys at the Post Office are all going in for aviation. Several of them want to be pilots. They pile it here and there. We wonder what is the telephone number and address to the Lackawanna Supply Co. Wm. O'Brien of the Dan O'Brien Cigar Co. was in town last Friday night. We understand Supt. of Education, Wm. Breen is on the sick list. Well, Bill, we hope you will be back on the job soon. Handle Bar Haak Kolinko and Grgr Mekie were in conference all day Monday and Grgr lost his bawty nap and three meals. Congratulations to Ray Mullins and Ed. Bellersheim, winners of last Sunday's game of handball in the K. of C. tournament. Chill Gallagher is still on the water wagon. Look out, Chillie, St. Patrick's Day is coming. John (Tomato) Tomallo, commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the Lackawanna Fire Dept. put in a request to the Fire Chief to have the boys of fire headquarters wash his car in their spare time. Oh yeah! Mike Moran is now acting Battalion Chief of the Fire Dept. Did you see his badge? Wm. (Betty) Davis was in town for a few days last week. Looks good and says Stoney Barrett won't leave the lodge. Here is an order Stoney sent down with Betty to have filled. We wonder of Stoney ever listens in on the Spelling Bee. Bols Bolis. Ruburgh. Salts. Creamator. Sulphur. Older. T. E. B. Plaster Kinedy. Must be planning on a banquet. Betty says Stoney won't even take off his snow shoes when he goes to bed. The Fourth Ward banquet was a real success. Joe Galligan was there, rubbers and all. All the old timers were there and some had tears in their eyes when they passed the spot where the Tavern used to be. Bill Scanhil had his regular job and kept the boys from whistling. Pete McGovern didn't have a word to say. The last time I noticed Bill Morrissey he was on his fourth chicken. Jake Myzel passed up his chicken and Rudy Weinstein took it home. Les Rauber from "Vale" is still trying to chisel a few bowling bets. Here's hoping he is successful. Cliff Jones is visiting here from Toronto. When asked about 4.4 he said that's all it is. Barney Kane and Jerry Carrig are still on the water wagon. What a break for the other Buffalo coppers.

Democratic Club Gives Testimonial Dinner

Over 100 prominent Democrats, mostly members of the Fourth Ward Democratic club, attended the testimonial dinner given by that organization at the Fern Restaurant, corner Reed avenue and Ridge Road, Monday evening. The dinner was given in honor of City Treasurer Paul Tomaka and Fourth Ward Councilman Thomas Warren, who were elected to their offices on the city payroll at the last election. James Galligan and Harry Rolis were joint chairmen of the arrangement committee and William McDonald, former supervisor, acted as chairman at the dinner, introducing Thomas C. Bodkin, editor of the NEWS as toastmaster. Mr. Bodkin introduced the several speakers of the evening who discoursed on the purposes of organization, what it has accomplished in the past and proposed that aid be given in furthering the formation of similar Democratic organizations in the other wards of the city. The speakers of the evening included: James Galligan, president of the Fourth Ward Democratic club; Michael McGuire, James Hanley, John Cowayuk, John Joynt, former councilman; Rudolph Weinstein, former Corporation Counsel; Carl Kniller, Thomas Warren, Fourth Ward Councilman; Paul Tomaka, City Treasurer and Edward T. Malone, former mayor. Several telegrams were received from country expressing their regrets that they were unable to attend the dinner. Among them were messages from Al Smith, former Governor of New York; James M. Mead, congressman; Oliver Cabana, George Zimmermann, Erie County Democratic chairman; Geo. Grobe, secretary Erie County Democratic Organization.

Hearing On Tax Moratorium Postponed Until Friday

Many Protests Received From Prompt Taxpayers; Mass Meeting Held Sunday.

The hearings on the sale of tax receipts and the moratorium on interest on back taxes, scheduled to be held before the Mayor in City Hall, Monday afternoon have been postponed until next Tuesday at 8 p. m. At that time taxpayers in opposition to the proposal of the Common Council to waive penalties in taxes unpaid in that period prior to 1931 as a means of inducing delinquent taxpayers to meet their obligations to the city, will be given an opportunity to voice their objections. Immediately following the adoption of the amendment on February 15, which relates to the cancellation of interest and penalties on taxes which became due prior to the year 1931, many protests were received from taxpayers who have been prompt in the payment of their city taxes. However Corporation Counsel John W. O'Connor, who recommended the project to the Council, states that he received the approval of the Lackawanna Citizens' committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Steel company, which pays 65 percent of the entire city tax, before making the proposal.

Objections to the proposal were voiced Sunday by the taxpayers group in the third ward, who held a mass meeting in St. Michaels' church, Warsaw and Electric avenues. Preparations were made for representation at the hearing on the amendment. Back taxes to the amount of approximately \$266,000 have accumulated on the books of the city since its incorporation in 1912. City officials hold that the payment of the principal would at this time alleviate financial conditions here. The measure would save some property owners about 12 per cent which is the amount of the penalties due on some parcels to land. The measure as adopted by the Council holds good over a six months period which ends October 1, when property owners who are still delinquent will be required to meet the full amount. Taxpayers who have been prompt in the payment of their city tax over a period of years are said to be strongly opposed to the measure since their yearly tax has been proportionately increased to make up for the deficit effected through the failure of delinquents to pay. Meanwhile City Treasurer Paul J. Tomaka has been taking steps towards the collection of back taxes. Back tax bills are now being prepared. The first bills were sent out to delinquent taxpayers last week.

GOULD BROS. OFFER VALUABLE PRIZES

Gould Bros., 1367 Main St., Buffalo, Buffalo, have inaugurated a Crac-O-Grams Contest and have offered four valuable prizes as rewards for the four best answers received. The prizes are such that they should induce practically everybody in Lackawanna to try their luck, especially as there is no cost or obligations incurred by any contestant entering the contest. The four prizes offered are: 1st prize, player piano; 2nd prize, all electric radio, 3d prize, baby grand radio; 4th prize an all electric clock. All answers must be in the hands of the judges by 7 p. m. Friday, March 11, 1932. Full details concerning the contest may be learned by reading the advertisement of this company on another page of this paper.

BIRTHS

Births during the past week: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanley, 450 Colton avenue, a son, Feb. 18. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Grant, 70 Lincoln avenue, a son, Feb. 18. Mr. and Mrs. G. Leonard, 600 Ridge Road, a son, Feb. 21. Mr. and Mrs. A. Monaco, 223 Holbrook street, a son, Feb. 21. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vail, 118 Arnold street, a son, Feb. 21. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lalca, 105 Grape

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mona Grugel, 414 Electric avenue and Arthur Komble, 416 Electric avenue. Lulu Marks, 495 Gates avenue and Joseph Marks, 495 Gates avenue. Catherine Griffin, 1463 South Park avenue, Buffalo and Thomas Murphy, 410 Victory avenue, Lackawanna. Yetta Lbrankka, 57 Rosary avenue, and Morris Adler, 30. Herman street, Buffalo.

DEATHS

Certificates filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Bureau of Health, during the past week. Edward Hayes, 1310 Hamburg Turnpike, Feb. 23. Michael Kilmas, 423 Seal St., Feb. 24.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Hennessey, principal of the Geo. Washington school, was placed on the school committee at a recent meeting of the Lackawanna Bicentennial committee. Four thousand Washington medals are to be distributed among school children here by the George Washington Bicentennial committee. Two large electric signs will soon be erected at the ends of the new Ridge Road bridge urging passersby to do their buying in Lackawanna. The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted to erect the signs at a recent meeting. Sherman Leker, president of the Buffalo Retail Stores Information Bureau and Dwight Chamberlain, Buffalo auditor, were guest speakers at a recent meeting of the newly formed Lackawanna Credit Bureau. Judge John Pillion of city court and Henry Sylvester, president of the Chamber of Commerce were the chief local speakers. A new Lackawanna firm received its charter at Albany last week. The Spring Perch Co., Inc., was chartered to deal in coal, lumber, metals and minerals. Capital, 7500 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, J. C. Hawley, Bridgeport, Conn., H. T. Dow, Snyder, N. Y., and A. H. Knapp, Starford, Conn. Mrs. C. K. Whelan and daughter, Mrs. Dodge, 66 Nason parkway attended a meeting of the Pen Women's Club in Buffalo, Tuesday night. Madam Emma C. Ponsifidine of East Aurora was the principal speaker. She told many interesting details of her experience in Russia during the Revolution and of her escape from that country shortly afterwards. Michael Joyce, Commissioner of Public Works proved the efficiency of that department by the way in which they eliminated traffic snarls caused by last Wednesday's snowstorm. Putting an emergency force of men to work he soon had the streets and sidewalks cleared so that traffic could proceed as usual. Mrs. Maryowska 53, of R. F. D. North Collins, in a serious condition in Our Lady of Victory hospital as the result of an automobile crash. Her son Stanley, 19, also suffered lacerations of the face, scalp and left arm. The injuries were caused when the car in which they were riding skidded down a hill on the North Collins-Hamburg road and hit a telephone pole. A verdict of not guilty was rendered by Judge Peter Maul in the case of Ed-

Services For Patrick Owen Held Tuesday Morning

Numerous Friends and Relatives Attend Last Rites of Former Railroad Man.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Patrick Owens, whose body was found by a small boy last Saturday in the water of Smokes Creek. Numerous friends and relatives to the deceased attended the services which were held from the family residence 201 Keever avenue at 8 o'clock and from the Church of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Blasdell at 9 o'clock. It is believed that the desire of Mr. Owens, a retired railroad man, to wave a greeting to one of his old pals led to his death. It was his daily habit to leave his home and walk down by the Nickel Plate tracks in time to wave his hand at his pal Jim Cherry as he thundered past in his locomotive. They had been fast friends for years when they were both active in railroading but since his retirement Pat had seldom seen his friend except as his train went by. Mr. Owens left his home Friday afternoon as usual but failed to return at his customary time so relatives and friends immediately started a search for him. They became more alarmed as efforts to locate him proved futile so an all night searching party was organized led by Charles Coughlin of the Lackawanna office department, a son-in-law of the deceased. No news was received, however, until the next morning when the little Mackay boy of 118 Lemon street, ran across the body while playing along the banks of the creek. He reported his find to some city workmen nearby who immediately notified police. Lieut. Sparrow and Detective O'Rourke responded to the call and O'Rourke who had known Mr. Owens for many years identified the body. Members of the family believe that Owens became confused while returning home in the dark and turned the wrong street believing he was on Kirby avenue. The street at the foot of which the body was found ends in the creek while Kirby avenue crosses it. Owens had worked in the yards of the New York Central Railroad for 54 years and had lived in Lackawanna for 33

BI-CENTENNIAL COMM. HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the Lackawanna Bicentennial Committee was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, committee chairman at 202 Milnor avenue. Plans for celebrations in the immediate future were discussed including a special program at Father Bakers on March 19th, the Fraternal program which will take place during April. Mr. Boland of the school committee, is enrolling arrangements to have the high school pupils again present their This program was so enthusiastically Washington Bi-Centennial program, received by the large audience that saw that many requests have been received to have it presented again. The members of the general committee attending the meeting were: Henry Sylvester, C. O. Pecu, Cornelius Downey, John Griffiths, Mrs. Whitehill and Thomas Bodkin. VINCENT A. EYE Funeral services for Vincent A. Eye were held Friday afternoon in Hamburg hospital as the result of injuries received in an automobile collision near here on December 15. He had been driving to see a brother in a hospital when his car figured in a crash on a rainy night. Mr. Eye was associated with his father in running a gasoline station and lived at Southwestern boulevard and Lakeshore road. He is survived by his parents, Fred and Emma Eye, two brothers, Walter and Floyd and two sisters, Mildred and Loretta.

POLICE BRIEFS

Policeman Kubisny and Tuttle are investigating the complaint of Francis Ruddy, 249 Fourth street that he was held up and robbed of \$26 late Thursday night in the rear of the Williams store, Ridge road. He said that two men with their coats pulled over their head and armed with revolvers jumped on him from the dark just after he had turned off from Ridge road on his way home. Because of the dark he was unable to give but a vague description of either man. Mrs. Joseph R. Southard, 100 Alsac avenue, reported to police Saturday morning that there had been a collision between an Essex coach which she was driving and a truck owned by the Texas Oil Co. which was driven by W. J. Hyndman. The accident occurred in front of the Post Office, Ridge Road. No one was injured. A machine operated by Samuel Mills Jr., 23 East Milnor street skidded on the wet pavement in South Park avenue near Smokes Creek Saturday and crashed into a billboard. The driver received only minor bruises. The Crosta Sales and Service, 973 Ridge Road, reported to police that one of their salesmen had taken a Kissell car and failed to return with it. The police are investigating. Victor Barrett of 231 Longnessee St. was brought to the police station by Joseph Post and Fred Klein of Abbott road. He suffered bruises about the face and body when his car left the road and went into the ditch as he was driving out Abbott Road Sunday, police

Where Is My Missing Boy?

Although police are not always successful in locating people who are reported missing they can make several suggestions as to what might have happened to them and nine times out of ten when they tell you not to worry a lost relative or friend they know what they are talking about. Mr. DePasquale 69 Mallison street, called at the local police headquarters a few days ago and reported his son Anthony, age 19 missing. He was almost frantic as were the remainder of Anthony's family but was somewhat comforted when assured by police that missing persons often do turn up again and in just as good a condition as when they were lost. In the meantime lest see what happened to Anthony. He had decided that he would like to sleep in a different bed for a change and he thought that at the same time it wouldn't be bad to have a pretty nurse to look after him so he journeyed to Hamburg and played sick on the street. The first act went over big as the people who picked him up thought that he was in a serious condition but at the hospital the physicians soon found the real trouble. Justice of the Peace Carlton E. Enci directed that Anthony be given the desired changes of sleeping quarters, but it will be for ninety days in the County penitentiary, not the hospital. A couple of days later and a frantic mother, Mrs. Tornjilovich, 149 Arnold street reported that her son, Geary, age 6, could not be found any place. Detectives O'Rourke and McCaffery investigated and possibly knowing more of the habits of young boys that ever their mothers, they made a thorough search to the house and another mystery had gone to naught for upstairs under a bench they found little George, fast asleep. Barrett was treated by the police and sent home. A car was driven into the front of Corporation Counsel John W. O'Connor's building 1028 Ridge Road early Monday morning, breaking glass and doing damage estimated at \$200 but the operator of the machine managed to drive away. Arthur Ross, 131 Franklin street, alleged to have been the driver of the car was later arrested by Officer Scanhil and taken to the police station. His hearing was adjourned until Friday morning in City Court. Henry Green, 36, of Georgetown, S. C. was found Wednesday morning along the Nickel Plate railroad tracks badly burned about the face, hands and arms. He claimed that he had stopped to warm himself, where a couple of other men had built a fire beside the tracks, when he lost his balance and fell into the fire. Green was picked up by Lieut. Spars and Detective Fitzpatrick and rushed to the hospital. He will be charged with illegal trespassing when released. Casimer Kubisny, 448 Center street was arrested Tuesday night by Officer Czerniejewski, charged with disorderly conduct. When police went to investigate a call from Steve Harsck, 57 Walnut street that there were burglars in the house they found his father who had been hiding in the cellar to find out what time his son returned home evenings. He was advised to check up on his son by other means in the future.