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## Services Held For Richard Hallinan Victim of Park Lake Tragedy

### Three Other Youths Have Narrow Escape When This Ice Breaks. Warning To Other Boys.

Relatives, friends and class mates paid their last respects to Richard F. Hallinan, age 9 years, of 19 Meadow Lane, victim of a drowning tragedy last Sunday when last rites were read Wednesday morning with services at the family residence at 8:30 o'clock and from Our Lady of Victory Basilica at 9 o'clock. Burial was made in the new annex at Holy Cross cemetery.

Officiating at solemn high mass at the Basilica were the Rev. Earl J. Kleis, celebrant; Rev. Harold Lucil, deacon, and Rev. Raymond Talty, sub-deacon. Youths from the fourth grade at Our Lady of Victory school, who were class mate of the deceased, acted as pall bearers.

Richard was the son of Richard J. and Mary M. Hallinan, and a nephew of Mrs. Margaret Conmy. He is also survived by one sister Kathleen Hallinan.

The tragedy occurred about noon Sunday when Richard, while on his way to school, was struck by a large ice cake which he was unable to reach. The youths who were with him narrowly missed a similar fate but scurried back to the shore when they saw their companion disappear.

Among the youths according to police were Edward McQueen of Victory ave. and Paul Bert, whose address could not be learned. They immediately ran to Police headquarters to summon aid. Also who sought to bring help, among the group was a lad by the name of Robert Schajyl, police say.

Hallinan was the leader of the youthful gang and with the recklessness of boys of that age, was the first to venture out to test the ice which had been frozen by the cold weather that ushered in the New Year. He had just turned

to summon on his companions when the ice cracked and screaming he vanished from sight.

Lackawanna police under Lieut. Charles Curtin and firemen under Capt. Quinn responded to the call for help. Rescue efforts were greatly handicapped by the thickness of the ice, too which they could not trust their weight but which was still enough to make difficult the launching and hauling of the only boat available. They worked for almost an hour before the boy was finally recovered by S. S. Janak, Pstola and Walter Janok, both members of the local fire department.

The lad was immediately rushed to Our Lady of Victory hospital where valiant efforts were made to save him by Curtin and Quinn and hospital surgeons and nurses. They worked in vain with respirators and every means known to science for nearly three hours before the boy was pronounced dead. One of the latest discoveries known to medicine, the injection of a serum into a puncture of the heart to restore heart action which has been successfully accomplished in similar cases, was also attempted but to no avail, it was stated. Dr. Rocco Stio and Dr. James Hartry supervised.

Richard's parents learned of the mishap shortly after it occurred and arrived in time to watch frantically rescue efforts and the recovery of the body.

The tragedy showed the inadequate facilities now available at the Park Lane for dealing with such a situation police stated this week. The boat which is now used there is neither strong enough nor is of the correct design which to carry on rescue work when ice has to be contended with, according to authorities. Inability to cut through ice with the boat was the chief cause of complaint.

A letter will be sent to the director of public safety in Buffalo this week, explaining the situation and asking that it be corrected, it was stated.

## Police Nab Pistol Toters

### Arrest Prevents Holdup Planned Here, Authorities Aver.

The drive of local police against the illegal possession of firearms, launched last week, resulted in two more arrests over the weekend and prevented the possible outbreak of a series of holdups here, according to authorities.

Those arrested were John Nimet, 35, 30 home, and Michael Yukas, 47, of 457 Lackawanna avenue. They were arrested before Judge John R. Pillion in City Court Tuesday.

Nimet, who was arrested by Lieut. Joseph J. Jettel and Patrolman Frank Kender, was sentenced to 35 days in the penitentiary. He admitted, according to police, of having held up a store in Newark, N. J. and of having plans to repeat the act in this city.

Yukas got into trouble by firing a few shots in the air in celebration of the new year shortly after it came into existence. He has a pistol license, but it had expired at midnight December 31 and had not been renewed. He was a revolver after his permit had expired however, but was fined on a charge of shooting it within the city limits.

## Polish Union Will Celebrate 60th. Anniversary

### Elaborate Program Will Be Held At St. Barbara's January 15th.

The united membership of Lackawanna Lodge 64, of the Polish Roman Catholic Union will join in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of that organization in the United States with observances which will open at 2 p. m. in St. Barbara's church hall, on January 15. More than 800 local members of the union together with several hundred children will take part.

Arrangements for the observance are now being prepared by the general committee under the direction of Thaddeus Stypowany, general chairman and Janusz Zywardski, president of the local unit. An extensive program is being arranged for the event, which will include addresses by prominent speakers, a pageant, songs and several other features.

Among the speakers will be Leo Kaminski, vice president of the New York state lodge, and Frank Andruszewski, Buffalo, ex-director of the state lodge. Mrs. Anastasia Topur of Depew, woman director of the General union is also scheduled to speak. She will address the women participating in the observance.

A special mass in conjunction with the observance will be conducted at 10:30 a. m. Sunday in St. Barbara's church by the Rev. Francis J. Radiszewski, pastor.

Others assisting in arrangements for the event include the following: John Ciziel, Ludwig Jabonka, Anthony Kij, Walter Nickel, Louis Strynar, John Szabo, Mrs. Mary Keibasa and Mrs. Helen Tubisz.

## Prominent Charity Worker Passes

### Mrs. Julia McDonald Dies After Brief Illness. Son Will Officiate At Services.

The many friends of Mrs. Julia McDonald, who has been prominent in charity work in this city for several years, were shocked to learn of her sudden death this week at her home, 1455 South Park avenue. She passed away Wednesday after a brief illness. She was connected with numerous organizations and societies engaged in welfare work in our Lady of Victory institutions.

Mrs. McDonald was the wife of the late James McDonald, who was a prominent leader in the civic activities of the city.

The Rev. Joseph McDonald, son of the deceased, will preside at the funeral services which will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Father McDonald will be celebrant of a solemn high mass at the Basilica. He is the assistant pastor at St. Joseph's new cathedral in Buffalo. Many of the clergy of the Buffalo diocese will attend.

Mrs. McDonald is survived, in addition to Father McDonald, by two daughters, Miss Elizabeth McDonald and Mrs. John Haurhan and one sister, Mrs. Mary Geharty.

## LOUIS BALEN

Funeral services for Louis Balen, old and well known Lackawanna resident, were held Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the family residence at 57 Fifth street and at 10 o'clock from Our Lady of the Aged Heart of Jesus, church of the church, officiated. Burial in Holy Cross cemetery.

Numerous friends and relatives of the deceased attended the services to pay their last respects. Mr. Balen was the father of Stephen Balen, a well known member of the Lackawanna Police department. Also surviving are his wife, Mary, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Serbach and Mrs. Anna Stefan.

## "Sloga" Plans Concert Sunday

### Second Annual Affair Of Known Singing Society To Be Held In Croation Hall.

"Sloga" Lackawanna's premier Singing Society will give a gala concert in the Croation Church hall, Ridge road, Sunday evening, Jan. 8, 1933, marking its annual appearance assisted by Mrs. John Pentek, soprano and Mrs. Paul Schellenberg, pianist and Miss June Anderson, violinist and guest artists, under the direction of Mr. Hugo Tuabert.

The feature song of this concert will be the well known ballad "Na Odlju Gradu" by F. S. Vilhar—Kuski, with Mrs. John Pentek as soprano, Anton Pavlich baritone and the "Sloga" Glee Club.

In addition to this feature "Sloga" will sing that popular "Pozdrav Domovini" Iz Bana Banka. Eto cutis srbine Tuzani, Slovenac, Srb. Hrvat as well as many other songs never before heard in this city.

Mrs. Pentek will sing three solo numbers, and a guest artist Jack Kovacek will render a baritone solo. There are also duets as well as quartettes on this program which will gladden the hearts of all song lovers.

The South Buffalo Deutches Maennerchor will appear in a special number together with "Sloga" in a special arranged number by Mr. Hugo Tuabert, director.

Dancing will follow the concert to the music of Rada's hungry stambouros featuring a composition by Rada himself, which will be heard for the first time in Lackawanna.

## Citizens Club Names Officers

### Thaddeus Stypowany Re-elected President Of Second Ward Organization.

Thaddeus Stypowany was re-elected president for his ninth consecutive term at the annual election of officers of the Polish Citizens Association, Inc., of the Second ward held Sunday afternoon, January 1, in St. Barbara's church hall, Caldwell street.

Officers elected for a one-year term were Ignatius Kaczmarek, secretary; Edmund Rejek, treasurer; and John Kawa and George Selwa as auditors. The following were named to comprise the parlors committee: Leon Swietlik, Zawa, Thomas Chlosta, George Rojak, Valentine Janiga.

Those appointed to preside over the election were John Palka, chairman; Gabriel Szalik, secretary; and George Rojek and Thomas Chlosta as tellers.

The Second ward organization is the oldest association of its kind in the city and has been active here for over fifteen years. It is both a civic and social organization devoted primarily to promoting the interest of the ward in local government. It doesn't, however, confine its activities within its own boundaries but works for the welfare of the city as a whole and has played an important part in backing various civic enterprises. Many of the most prominent men in the city are among its members.

Plans for elaborate ceremonies to feature the installation of new officers which will be held in St. Barbara's hall at 2 p. m. on February 5th are under way, it was announced.

## Depression Hits Pet Lovers

### Many Dog Owners Lost Pets Through Lack of Funds Report Reveals.

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The depression has caused a great number of local dog owners to dispense with their pet, it was revealed this week by Anthony Turcherelli, city pound keeper, in making public a report of his activities for the year just closed.

There was a total of 778 dogs destroyed during the year, the largest number ever to be officially slain in the history of the city, it was stated. This was caused by the great number of unemployed in the city who were without funds with which to buy the necessary food for their pets, many turned their pets over to the city in order to avoid court proceedings.

Automobiles were also responsible for a large number of dog deaths, 193 dogs being killed as that number. The total number of licenses issued was 831. However again fell due the first of the year but a months grace period will be allowed owners in which to procure tags it was revealed.

## S. J. Maricich Again Heads Taxpayers Group

Stephen J. Maricich, Cashier and vice president of the Taxpayers Protective Association of the First ward at the annual election of officers of that organization held recently in addition to president other officers elected were: Yozef Hujnovich, vice president; Cyril Yezkovich, treasurer; and Matthew J. Czekovich, secretary.

Decision was also made to incorporate and charter for the organization is expected to arrive this week, it was announced by Rudolph Weinstein, association attorney.

## Local Priests Transferred To Serve Other Parishes

### Rev. Herman J. Gerlach Appointed To Church In Cuba. Others Take Up Work Here.

With the well wished-mingled with regrets of his thousands of friends in Lackawanna and vicinity the Rev. Herman J. Gerlach, for the past twenty years assistant of Msgr. Nelson H. Baker at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, left last Saturday afternoon to take up his new duties as pastor of Our Lady of Angels church at Cuba, N. Y.

Other changes in the local priesthood took place on the same day. The Rev. John J. Dampsey, assistant at Our Lady of Victory Basilica for many years, going to St. John the Baptist church at Lockport where he will assist the pastor and the Rev. Milton J. Kobieliski, assistant to Father John Paul at St. Michaels church, Warsaw and Electric avenues, going to St. Adalbert's church as assistant.

The Rev. Earl J. Kleis has taken over Father Gerlach's post at Our Lady of Victory. He was transferred from his previous designation as assistant pastor of Ascension church, North Tonawanda. The Rev. John Fotoczek, former assistant at St. Adalbert's church, Buffalo, is the new assistant at St. Michael the Archangel church here.

Two newly-ordained priests have also taken up their duties as assistants at Our Lady of Victory basilica. They are the Rev. Raymond J. Talty and the Rev. Austin J. Crotty.

The transfers and appointments of local priests along with several others in the district by Bishop William Turner of the Catholic diocese of Buffalo.

During his many long years of service her Father Gerlach has done much to promote the spiritual and social well-being of the city. His friends are particularly innumerable and many were the sad hearts at the thought of losing such a great advisor and leader.

He has served well and faithfully while here both as a son of the Church and as assistant to Father Baker in supervising the work of Our Lady of Victory institutions. His deep insight and knowledge of the needs of those who came under the care of the institutions was proverbial. In recent years, during the incapacity of Msgr. Baker he often took direct charge of the group.

He has also been deeply interested and active in promoting the activities of the various parochial societies and in social affairs which were carried on for the benefit of the basilica and in social affairs which were carried on for the benefit of the basilica and Our Lady of Victory group. Often such affairs have been carried out under his direct supervision. Children at the institutions will not be among the least to miss Father Gerlach for many good times they have had was planned and directed by him.

Lackawanna join in giving their best wishes to those priest who have been called elsewhere to serve their great cause and do extend a welcome to their successors.

## Police Drive Against Lotteries Will Continue

### Judge Pillion Promises Severe Treatment of All Offenders. Special Squad Formed.

Lackawanna police plan to continue their drive against vendors of policy slips in the city with more vigilance than ever throughout the new year, it was disclosed Tuesday by Police Chief Ray R. Gilson.

The drive opened recently when police learned that the racket was being worked extensively in the lower Ridge road district, has already resulted in the arrest and conviction of several people on a charge of lottery. Most of them as first offenders have received lenient treatment in City court, but such will not be the case in the future, it was stated.

A special anti-gambling squad has been designated to probe the racket which is believed to be organized and to arrest all offenders. It is composed of Lieut. Joseph Balman, Lieut. Joseph Szara and Detective Peter O'Rourke.

Judge John R. Pillion has promised police full co-operation in dealing with all gambling law violators. There will be no more suspended sentences for those convicted on such charges he stated, and anyone now found guilty may expect a jail term.

The lotteries are just like all other rackets of the kind, the judge said, with heavy odds always against the player. A much greater amount is collected than is paid out with a big slice going into the pockets of the salesman and those higher-up. Then too, a big percentage of those who play the game have rarely enough money to buy the necessities of life and can't afford to lose even a single penny.

Among those arrested and convicted were Peter Rainey, 33, of 422 Church street, and Mrs. Irene Battle, 26, Negroes of 421 Wasson avenue, both of whom received 60 day suspended sentences. Henry Hill, 30, Negro, of 501 Ridge road, also convicted on a similar charge was sent to the penitentiary for 25 days when unable to pay a fine of \$25 which had been imposed.

Possession of policy slips, whether a purchaser or vendor, leaves the holder open to arrest on charges of participation in a lottery, according to police.

## CROATION DRAMA DRAWS LARGE CROWD

A capacity crowd attended a play and dance given under the auspices of the English-Speaking Lodge of the Croation Fraternal Union, Lackawanna group 726 at the Croation hall, Simon street, Tuesday evening, January 1.

Mrs. Mary Smith supervised and directed the presentation, which was a two-act drama entitled, "Ain't It Strange".

Members of the cast were Joseph Buszek, Sam Milosich, John Cheman, Gus Cheman, Steve Sarich, Mary Mruk, Mary Sternat, Barbara Maglich, Mildred Mruk and Joseph Kustreba.

Dancing with music furnished by a group of Croation musicians followed the play.

## Donowick Re-elected Council Head

### No Action Taken To Raise Funds At Final 1932 Session.

Edward Donowick, first ward representative on the Lackawanna Common council and president of that body during the past year, was re-elected to that office at a special session held Saturday in City Hall. The contest, which was the final meeting of the year, was a hot one held primarily for the signing of payroll vouchers and for cleaning up minor business details for the year 1932.

Mrs. Edward F. Tracy, trustee of the Public library, was reappointed to that office for the ensuing year. There were no other appointments or reappointments made as appointive offices. It was stated, continue in effect, two years as rollovers. The term of the present administration continues throughout 1933.

No action was taken pertaining to the raising of funds with which to meet payroll and other city obligations during the coming year. It was also indicated that no immediate action will be taken in an effort to secure loans in anticipation of the collection of taxes. The city however, has enough funds on hand to meet payments on bonded indebtedness and it credit rating will be maintained, it has been announced.

Mayor Walter J. Lohr, President Donowick and all other members of the council were present including Councilman Thomas J. Warner, John F. Aszkar and Walter Parys.

## L. H. S. Downs Sparks 26-23

### Raimen and Rusevian Lead Locals In Brilliant Win.

Lackawanna high school cagers continued their unbroken victory spree by notching a brilliant victory over a strong South Park high aggregation on the local court Tuesday evening, 26-23. The Blue and Grey encountered their stiffest opposition of the season against their neighbors from South Buffalo and were trailing until the second period when a rally tied the count at 14-14. They were never again headed.

Coach Del Fisher's club played their best game of the season to date against the Sparks. Their teamwork, which has always been one of the main factors in the success of the local team, was superb, and their passing attack showed great improvement over earlier games.

Rusevian and Raimen led the locals against the former netting six points and the latter five. Murphree and Maruska also did plenty of good work for the victors. Walker and J. Cavanaugh stood out for the Sparks, the former was individual high scorer of the game with ten points.

## EGG QUESTION

Q-Bill to Walter is the yoke of an egg is or are white?  
A-Walter it is white.  
A-Bill it yellow.

## Rites Held For Mrs. L. B. Davis

### Well Known Social and Civic Worker Buried Tuesday Former Teacher at L. H. S.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lewis B. Davis, 740 McKinley parkway, who passed away suddenly last week after a short illness, were held Tuesday afternoon from the family residence with the Rev. Grant McKnight, pastor of the South Park United Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial was made in Orchard Park.

Mrs. Davis was a former school teacher here, an active worker in both social and civic affairs of both Lackawanna and South Buffalo and was well known to practically every resident of the two communities.

Her sudden death came as a distance shock to her hundreds of friends many of whom were not aware of her illness.

A life long resident of this section of New York State, she was born in Danville in 1868, where she was a graduate of the elementary and high schools and sister of the women's college in Elmira. She moved to Lackawanna in 1913 to teach in the high school and soon became popular, both as an instructor and in the community at large.

Mrs. Davis was an officer of the Lockawanna chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the civic club and the Elmira College Graduates Club. She was also a charter of the Pioneer Study club of this city and in 1927 was president of the Women's Missionary Society of South Park church.

She was also active and well known in South Buffalo where she was chairman of the South Park Y. W. C. A. in 1927 and 1928. She was interested in dramatics and had charge of several plays given by the South Park United Presbyterian church and Eastern Star. She was married to Mr. Davis, also well known here, in 1914. Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Manley and Robert Davis, and her mother Mrs. Jennie Passage.

## Auto Owners Must Have New Plates

If there are any automobile owners in Lackawanna who are so reckless as to venture out without their 1933 license plates they had best be sure that no policemen are around, for Police Chief Ray R. Gilson announced Tuesday that he had instructed every member of his department to apprehend any and all auto drivers still using the old plates. In addition he has appointed Detectives Stephen Balon and Carl Szewlewski as a special squad to detect their carelessness to this work.

In the past it has been the custom to grant a grace period of about ten days to delinquent motorists but the indifference of the city officials but as it is now the case, the grace period has been removed from Albany this year granting an extension, there can be no grace, the Chief stated.

## PICKWICK CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Plans for the new year were discussed at a meeting of the recently formed Pickwick Club held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. J. Crotty. The club, a social and literary organization, will soon be organized with a limited number of applicants, it was stated. The group was organized with a charter membership of about 13 local men.

Officers elected include the following: Ted Balber, president; George W. Remensky, vice president; Stanley Kozak, secretary; Walter Chlosta, treasurer. Meetings are held at the homes of the members.

## Spelling Bee On Air Monday

### Entries for Second Annual Event Close This Month. Full Information At News Office.

Clubs throughout Western New York planning to enter the second annual adult spelling bee conducted by the Buffalo Evening News and sponsored in Lackawanna by this paper will have an opportunity to hear four Buffalo clubs select their representatives for the Buffalo semi-finals, when a radio spelling bee will be held over WBBW Monday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 p. m.

The four clubs taking part in the radio match are the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, Greater Buffalo Advertisers Association, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Not only will this contest determine the two best spellers for each club, but also will decide which club has the best team. Great rivalry developed last year between these clubs is a series of radio spelling bees.

Prior to the radio match each club will hold a spelling bee at a regular Spelling Bee. All members present will take part and the ten best spellers will compete in the radio match. Merwin C. Morrison, director of the Buffalo Evening News adult spelling bee, will pronounce the words for contestants.

Every club in Western New York is invited to enroll in the adult spelling bee. Only active school teachers and the two Western New York cash prize winners of last year are barred from competition. Persons who won county championships last year are eligible to compete again this year.

The two best spellers in each club enrolled in the adult spelling bee will receive certificates of merit, proclaiming them as best spellers of their organization. The champion and second best speller of each county will receive cash rewards of \$10 and \$5 respectively. They are then eligible to take part in the Western New York final and eligible for the cash prizes of \$30 and \$15 which will be awarded the champion and second best speller of Western New York.

Full information and enrollment blanks for the contest may be obtained at the offices of the Lackawanna News or by addressing, Spelling Bee Director, Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo New York. Entries close Monday, Jan. 20.

## FIRST WARD CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at a recent meeting of the Fraternal Union and Taxpayers association of the First Ward held in Dom Polski hall, Ridge Road.

President, Vincent Dymowski; vice president, Ouitry C. Moss; financial secretary, Stanley Ziolkow; recording secretary, Julius Balrek, treasurer, George Pirkda. The directors elected were Joseph Tyrak, Joseph Przekiwek and Walter Kusniarczyk. Walter Paluszynski was selected as representative to Dom Polska.

## Local Business House Enters Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy proceedings were filed Tuesday by the French Citizens, 803 Ridge road, well known Lackawanna business establishment for the past several years. Liabilities of the concern are listed at \$16,171.85, of which \$500 is in taxes; \$1293.78 is wages; \$14,274 in secured claims, and \$30,103.89 in unsecured claims.

Assets of the concern, which consist only of real estate, were listed at \$8,500. The real estate valuation includes first mortgage. The petition of bankruptcy was filed in federal court last week in December, 1932.