

# ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lackawannans turned out in full force to greet that gay new-comer-1933. Perhaps the observances for the most part weren't quite as suspicious as in former years, but the same old spirit was there and everyone met the new arrival with the one hope and determination that the next twelve months will see all the trials and tribulations of the past (were just a thing of history, gone if not forgotten with the next chapter a new and better one in every way.

Among the long list of heroes in our halls of fame we should place our books, according to Charles H. Compton of St. Louis, who believes that books are keeping lots of people alive today. He told the American Library association that thousands of would-be suicides are now living because they turned bookworms. The influence of the public libraries, he said, were doing much to maintain the morale of persons in distress.

An aftermath of the fall of "The House of Krueger". Eight Americans have been named defendants in suits totaling almost \$350,000,000 which charged they had allowed themselves to be duped by Ivar Krueger, deceased match king. It was announced Friday. The suits filed by the Irving Trust Co., trustees in bankruptcy for the Internal Match Co., against the company's eight American directors.

Churches are now being added to the list of victims of local coal thieves, it was announced this week. Police Chief Ray R. Gilson has detailed a special patrolman to watch over the coal bins of the Second Baptist church in Simons avenue, following complaint of Rev. J. Phillips, pastor that someone had been stealing free coal.

Don't complain if you have a long, hard winter for cold climate lead to long life, according to figures just published by the Italian Bureau of Statistics. For example the average length of life is longer in Norway than elsewhere, being 55 years, 3 months; next is Sweden with 53 years; third comes Holland with 52 years. The shortest lived are Austrians with an average of 41 years; Italy has 44. The Italians claim that the low level of Italian life span is due as elsewhere to the number of deaths during babyhood.

The regular weekly meeting of Our Mother of Good Counsel Ladies' Aid of Bladwell will be held this Thursday evening. Last week's meeting was postponed because of the holidays.

A record crowd attended the joint New Year's eve celebration under auspices of the Bladwell Fire department and Harry H. Clifton post of the American Legion in the legion hall lake avenue, Saturday night. A cabaret program was featured with dancing beginning at 10 o'clock. Commanding George Davidson of the American Legion, and Francis McNulty of the Firemen's association were co-chairmen of arrangements for the event.

Plans for the establishment of a central bureau of police records and finger-

posed legislative measures for changes print identification in addition to those in the state traffic and conservation laws were discussed at the changes in the last meeting of the Peace Justice and Police Executives association held Thursday afternoon in the office of the sheriff in Buffalo. Police Chief Ray R. Gilson head of the Lackawanna Police department, is an active member of this group.

Alfred E. Smith, of the "brown derby" and Empire State building, observed his 50th birthday, December 30. The Happy Warrior celebrated the event rather quietly although he was entertained by his wife and children at a dinner party in the evening.

According to recent reports of those in the know American claims against Soviet Russia which total approximately \$800,000,000 now stand an excellent chance of being settled along with the inevitable general revision of Europe's \$11,000,000,000 war debt to this country. The general indications seem to be that the incoming Roosevelt administration will reverse the Hoover policy of complete aloofness from contact with Russia and that confab between Washington and Moscow will open shortly after March 4th it is said.

A total of 28 persons were executed in Sing Sing prison in 1932. It was stated recently by Warden Lawes in giving figures on executions since the first electric chair was used in 1891. Ten years ago 17 persons were put to death there, in 1906 there were none. A total of 327 have been electrocuted since the first chair was installed. There are now 24 persons, including one woman, in death cells at the prison.

Discovery of a giant cannibal snail in the mountains of the North Island of New Zealand was announced recently by E. A. Mearns, of Wanganui. Mearns placed four of them in a box with some fresh vegetation for food, but when he opened the box found that the biggest had eaten the others.

There are in the United States 4,283,753 persons who can neither read nor write. Estimate of the number of illiterates was contained in the final report of the National Advisory Committee on Illiteracy which was appointed by President Hoover three years ago with Secretary of the Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur as chairman.

Currency inflation in some form for the relief of agriculture has been predicted by Senator Copper (R) of Kansas during this short session of Congress. Other Senate leaders, however, less positive, but influential opinion supported the belief that it will be difficult to avoid inflation in the new Congress which will meet in special session after March 4.

The earth 500,000,000 years from now will be populated by a whole new class of creatures who will trace their ancestry back to man, if man's past is any guide to his future, according to Prof. William K. Gregory of the American Museum of

Natural Science, of New York. He expressed that opinion in a recent address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in which he said that the human race, or a race of still higher beings that will develop out of it, seems destined survive for many hundreds of millions of years.

Optimism regarding the settlement of the present world difficulties was expressed by Norman H. Davis, former under-secretary of state and delegate to the Geneva disarmament conference in a recent informal discussion with newspapermen. He said that he looks for good results to come out of the forthcoming London economic conference and also from the disarmament conference. He listed these two affairs along with possible later meetings with respect to war debt as probably the three most important factors through which restoration of world prosperity can be reached.

## While Strolling

By THE OBSERVER

Don't forget the Venison Supper Wednesday January 11, at 418 Simon ave. Bozo will do some fancy diving.

Dave Horn, popular member of the West Seneca Police department, was in town the other day. The local cops are always glad to see Dave and extend him the usual welcome but said that they wished he would wash a little of the mud off of his car so that the local taxpayers wouldn't get the wrong impression as to the kind of guests they entertain.

Chillie Gallagher bought a dozen or so of some fine pink ladies finery's. Who were the lucky ones Chillie?

Who is the party that placed some dough on the Chiefs gypsy?

S. Ludwig Ukelle was chasing butterfly files at 3 A. M. New Year's day. He went into a spin and finally took a nose dive.

Old man Frank Kuzich the loafer spent a wonderful Xmas day in a cooler.

The next time Officer McCaffery buys a radiator cap he is going to weld a chain and anchor to it.

Cocoo Kabiszky has a nice pearl handed revolver. Ask him to show it to you. It is a beauty.

Just recently Mickey Scardon received an engagement ring. What was the down payment?

Patrolman Wayne Smith of West Seneca bought his wife a female canary bird that absolutely refuses to sing. Why not buy a male bird Wayne, at a slight increase in price.

Clarence Carey, Dan Grannell and Mickey Scardon make a nice visiting committee. The trouble with them is that they do not bring enough with them.

In order to hold his title as the walking delegate, Gregor McKie does his strolling on Main Street.

Dick Conroy goes big for club sandwiches on certain days only.

With the passing of the old year so passed the title of sheriff which was attached to Denny O'Brien.

Norman Danahy was disappointed Xmas day. He expected a horse. He'll be seeing you soon in a pet expression of his.

When it comes to parking a car Ray Mullen is an expert. It takes a truck to move it and a whole gang to open it up.

Bill Gallery was last seen shaking hands with Lem, Scardon. What was it all about Bill?

## Officers Installed By Lackawanna O. E. S.

With the Right Worthy Charles J. Arncliffe presiding officers for the year 1933 were installed at a meeting of Lackawanna chapter, No. 502, O. E. S. held in the Masonic Temple, Ridge road on Tuesday evening.

The officers are: Mrs. Matilda Bremer, worthy matron; William T. Aldrich, worthy patron; Mrs. Harriet M. Tyler, associate matron; Mrs. Ethel Lettmer, treasurer; Mrs. Mary K. Lewis, secretary; Mrs. Grace M. Kennedy, conductress; Mrs. Florence Howard, associate conductress; Mrs. Mina Gilson, chaplain; Miss Elva Mohr, marshal; Mrs. Gladys Julius, color bearer; Mrs. Margaret Fox, historian; Mrs. Harriet Partridge, organist; Mrs. Ruth Evans, sentinel; Miss Eva M. Conrad, Aod; Mrs. Eliza Partridge, Ruth; Miss Mary Jewart, Esther; Mrs. Sarah Bradley, Martha; Mrs. Nina Duncan, Electa; trustee for three years, Mrs. Anna D. Trevett.

## O. L. V. Quint Downs Dunkirk Five 30-12

Our Lady of Victory High school basketball team, displaying superb form on both offense and defense, notched a very victory over St. Mary's of Dunkirk on the latter court last Friday evening, 30-12. Capt. John Polan led the locals in their triumph, marking up 16 points of their total tally. Jim Scalliti, McDonald, and Myers also did plenty of good work for the O. L. V. quint and notched 12 counters between them. Labas, right forward, looked best for the losers.

The Steel City cagers will play again at home this Friday night meeting St. Francis of Athol Springs in a Western New York Catholic High school league engagement. The team is coached by Ed Decker, former Canadian college lumina and star of the Lackawanna city team, as conceded an outstanding chance of bringing home the league crown this season.

## Rebekah Club To Present Play

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## KAUSNER - LAGLER

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lagler of Abbott Road announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara J. to William Kausner of Ebenezer N. Y.

## PRE-LENTEN MISSION JANUARY 8th to 15th

Father Capistran Peirle, O. F. M., a very popular missionary, will preach the pre-lenten mission, January 8th to January 15th, at St. John Maron's Church corner Cedar and South Division Streets. The mission services will begin Sunday January 8th at 7:30 P. M. and there after, every afternoon at 4 o'clock and in the evening at 7:10 P. M., ending Sunday, January 15th, Masses every morning at 6 and 8 o'clock. Father Francis Sheehan, Pastor for a quarter of a century of St. John Maron's Church, extends to all his friends a cordial invitation to make this mission.

## Save the Children

Christmas belongs to the children. Despite privation, undernourishment and even want, there are few fre-sides where somebody's sacrifice, or somebody's inventive genius, will not make possible a recognition of the day so children's voices may be raised in gladness.

Christmas Seals belong to the children, too. The most important work they do is to protect children from tuberculosis. This year the seal itself shows two youngsters with faces upturned in gladness as they sing carols in the snow. Each seal is a direct appeal for help from the children of America, who suffer most from the effects of privation, undernourishment and want.

Christmas comes but once a year, and childhood once a lifetime.

## CHECK ON EXPLOSIVES

### Bay State Police Use Teletype in Speedy Probe of Dealers

Utilizing their teletypewriter system of communication, the Massachusetts State Police were recently able to do a job in twelve hours and seven minutes which formerly took a whole month for completion.

Strangely enough the two occasions when it was necessary for the State police to make a thorough investigation of all persons and companies authorized to sell or use explosives in Massachusetts, were closely connected. The first occasion was previous to the Sacco-Vanzetti execution in 1927, and the other occasion was a check-up of the same nature after the recent bombing of the home of Judge Webster Thayer of Worcester who sentenced the men to execution.

Alfred F. Foote, commissioner of public safety, ordered the teletypewriter operators at the State House to dispatch a message to the twenty-five troop headquarters and sub-stations throughout the commonwealth, ordering a check-up of all dealers in explosives in the state. The message soon had some 150 troopers, who had been awaiting duty all night, out on the road and reports were soon forthcoming from many of them.

Six hours after the order for the check-up went out, 308 of the 355 municipalities were heard from. By 7:30 p. m., 341 reports had been received. The towns that were heard from later than that were delayed because of the greater extent of territory that had to be covered by the troopers in those districts.

Charlie Band, of the Spartanburg, S. C. Rotary Club, has a remarkable memory for telephone numbers, as well as names. At a recent meeting he recalled the telephone numbers of all but one of the 200 members.

## LIFE-SPAN OF PHONE POLES LENGTHENED BY RIGID TESTS

On the top of a hill near Limon, Colorado, there is an unusual-a perplexing sight. From a distance it looks like a burying ground of some savage race. Standing upright there are closely-bunched columns in long ordered rows. But on nearer inspection these columns turn out to be poles, much like fence posts, but with the diameter of the usual telephone pole. They are, as a matter of fact, telephone poles, not carrying cross-arms and supporting wires, but undergoing weathering tests as part of the laboratory research program of Bell Telephone Laboratories.

The plot at Limon is one of the three maintained in our country by the Bell System for prolonging the life of its telephone poles. Six miles from the Gulf of Mexico at Gulfport, Mississippi, there is another, and the third is at Chester, New Jersey.

Before they are put into the ground practically all telephone poles are treated with preservatives to resist the decay of the wood. There are various kinds of preservatives used, such as creosotes, chemical salts and arsenics. The problem of the telephone engineer is not so simple as to find out which one of these is the best and then specifying it for general use by the telephone companies. One type of preservative may be more effective than another in warm, humid atmospheres and an entirely different kind superior in a dry climate. Telephone poles properly treated often last as long as thirty years.

A telephone in the home of Mrs. J. S. Ware of Atlanta, Ga., saved the family from being burned to death one morning recently. Mrs. Ware, aroused from sleep by the ringing of the telephone, was informed by a neighbor that her house was on fire. The occupants escaped just in time.

## Weather Man Besieged With Calls Finds Clouds Have Silver Lining

### At Least for Certain Fishermen and Blushing Brides-to-Be—Most Queries Concern Day Ahead, Although Many Want to Know About the Week-ends

Talk about the weather is universal and, needless to say, the weather man, whose business is that of charting the trends of the atmosphere, is an expert frequently consulted on this topic. United States weather bureaus are located at strategic points throughout the country, and those individuals who want to ascertain the trends first hand and scientifically, call the weather bureaus.

In New York State there are nine

"Why, yes, that's to be my wedding day, but who told you?"

"Oh, a little bird flies around this place and tells us a lot of things, my dear," he added. "The same little bird tells us that if June the seventeenth is to be your wedding day, it will be the brightest, most beautiful day of the most wonderful month of roses."

"Oh, I am so glad, Mr. Scarr! It's such a relief to know that. Thank you so much! Goodbye!"



Atop the 400-foot Whitehall Building, where the instruments for the New York City weather forecasts are located. Left: Not a bird cage, but apparatus for recording the heat and humidity.

"We had not expected to be taken so literally," the meteorologist explained, "but despite the fact any weather prediction attempted so far ahead could be merely a guess, our conscience troubled us a little. We found that the date of the young lady's wedding was one hundred and seventeen days off, and we salvaged our conscience with the certainty that she would enjoy at least one hundred and sixteen fine days in joyful anticipation, no matter if it rained the proverbial cats and dogs on the day of the nuptials."

"Most of the callers, however, are concerned only with the weather twenty-four or forty-eight hours ahead, or it may be days, months or years in the past. We are able to please most of them and help all of them with definite information on probable weather conditions."

"There is the case of another young lady who plans a boat ride and asks if there will be a nice moonlight tonight." She is informed that the bureau has ordered a special moon for her enjoyment. A busy housewife wants to know if she should take a chance in hanging out the wash, and is told that the showers will be light and only in scattered localities, and if it's her regular washday, she'd better take a chance. A young man wants to know if it will rain over the week-end in the Poconos, explaining that he goes there for tennis. He is told that this would be a better week-end to enjoy fishing there.

"Fishermen," Mr. Scarr adds, "seem to be about the only fellows who can see the bright side of the dark cloud, when the dark cloud means rain. They put the 'reverso' English on their weather inquiries by asking hopefully if it will rain on the morrow or over the week-end."

In addition to the incoming calls, the weather bureaus make numerous important outgoing calls daily. The electric light and power companies need to be advised on the approach of a storm that will cause light to be turned on during the day. When a snow storm approaches snow removal outfits are warned so they can be organized for activity. Shipping companies, also particularly interested in the weather, receive the weather bureau reports.

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