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## Vice or Vise?

Three men sat in the office of Mayor Paul J. Tomaka. It seems that a joker had been found in the dock from which the New Deal was to be dealt. The three were Mayor Tomaka, Public Works Commissioner Michael J. McGuire and Corporation Counsel Rudolph S. Weinstein.

"To the victor belong the spoils—provided there are spoils" remarked Commissioner McGuire.

"Go 'way", said the Mayor, "this vice situation is my problem."

"Its mine, too," said the commissioner. "I believe we ought to have a little vice."

"Eh? I—what?" exclaimed the mayor, "this is mutiny."

It developed, however, the gentlemen were discussing different kinds of vices or vases. The commissioner referred to one that holds instruments in its grip the mayor referred to one which he claimed once held the city in its grip but which now is reported by police to be gone.

"And that isn't all", said Commissioner McGuire. And then he started to pour forth his story. Mayor Tomaka forgot for a moment the Police Department. Corporation Counsel Weinstein forgot the sections and chapters which seemed to be eluding his gaze as he rambled through the Statutes of the State of New York. They listened to Commissioner McGuire.

"I think you'll be interested in knowing the conditions about the city barns," the commissioner began. "When I got there Tuesday morning I found the four walls intact—in the rough. The plumbing is gone, the electric light bulbs are gone. There are no picks and shovels nor oil for the machinery and believe it or not, a ton of coal that was delivered the day before we took office, has disappeared."

"There ought to be a law—began Corporation Counsel Weinstein as he again sought the books of the state.

"Save it," said the practical Mr. McGuire, "there ought to be picks and shovels."

"Well," remarked Mayor Tomaka, "you'll have to find them. I've got to address the policemen in the Council Chamber this afternoon."

"Yeh?" queried Mr. McGuire who it appeared was losing patience, "you call all those coppers off the street and when you're through the barns will be gone. Remember the Republicans may be out of office but some of them still live here. The walls of those barns would probably make swell garages for their back yards."

Mayor Tomaka weighed that for a while and called Chief Ray R. Gilson on the phone. The meeting was called off.

"Now," said Commissioner McGuire, "let's get back to the vice situation."

"I think we can find a voucher showing that just a short time ago the Republicans bought a good husky vise. Yes, I'm quite certain we can find the voucher, but the vise is gone. We need a little vise. Do we get one?"

"You're the Commissioner," the mayor reminded him.

"We get a little vise," remarked Mr. McGuire.

"Now," he continued, "let's get back to the barns. There are horses there and enough food to last 6 hours. Give the late custodians of the barns a break and make that 12 hours. The Humane Society might hear about it and get after them."

"And, speaking of horses," he remarked as he reached for his hat, "I better bet back to those barns. That Republican wand probably has waved over them and they are transformed to mules by now."

Mr. McGuire further stated

## BOARD OF TRADE PLANS BUYING CAMPAIGN

The Board of Directors of the Lackawanna Board of Trade announced recently they anticipate starting a series of weekly meetings with the object of building up home patronage. It is expected that the meetings will start early this month.

It will be the endeavor of merchants in every line of business, represented among the membership of the board, to co-operate with each other and create increased public interest in all home merchandise.

It is reported that the buying in our city is now on the up grade with sales increased in comparison with similar sales reported by this organization a year ago.

The Trade Board states that every local store has whatever commodity is needed in buying, and courtesy has been extended throughout the city to all patrons. It is this action that is appreciated by the buying public, and so plans for a buying campaign which will continue indefinitely will be submitted to the membership of the Board of Trade at an early meeting this month.

## DEMOCRATIC CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED



Recently elected officers of the Second Ward Democratic club were installed at ceremonies held Tuesday evening in the club headquarters, 482 Center Street.

The new officers are: Joseph Gryzbowski, president; Paul Frontz, vice-president; John Buzek, recording secretary; Victor Pikula, financial secretary and Stanley Budzynski, treasurer.

The new directors include Stanley Bernas, Walter Serafin, John Citok, Stanley Gryzbowski, Joseph Nowak, and Stanley Michaels.

A new set of regulations to govern the club during the ensuing year, were also adopted at the session.

## 16 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Caldwell and Joyce were advertising a complete Auto Repair, Machine and body building plant.

Emergency War Prohibition Bill introduced in the State Assembly by Hon. W. S. McNabb of Schenectady.

Roger-Brown plant assessed at \$8,000,000.

Forty Serbians leave for France, enlisted by Leut. Nilan Raikovich.

that the coal delivered to the pumping station in the new village was gone, the operator's flashlights were missing. Only 2 of the 8 city trucks could be started. Investigation revealed the filtration plant only 30 per cent efficient because of improper operation, the Commissioner reported. It will require one month's operation under proper care to correct the condition and if that fails an expenditure of \$150,000 will be necessary.

Corporation Council Weinstein is preparing an investigation of the series of events which transpired immediately before the Democrats took office. Meanwhile the city will be obligated to buy new equipment that city employees may be allowed to work.

## NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION GETS UNDER WAY

The New Deal government went into effect in Lackawanna, January 1st as the new city officials, formally took office amid brief but impressive ceremonies in the City Hall. A capacity crowd filled the Council chambers and corridors of the building to witness the formalities.

The proceedings were opened by former Mayor Walter J. Lohr, who extended greetings and well wishes to his successor, Mayor Paul J. Tomaka, before giving him the gavel as signifying the powers of his new office.

Cheers resounded throughout the building for several minutes after the new mayor had taken the chair as presiding official. He was virtually showered with flowers and various other gifts by his well wishers. Mayor Tomaka, also received a new gavel from Miss Anna Zayhowski, president of the First Ward Women's Democratic club.

In his inaugural address he stressed the need of Co-operation on the part of every individual in the city in the drive to pull Lackawanna through its present crisis.

Mayor Tomaka said: "I am deeply grateful for this great honor you have conferred upon me in electing me mayor of our city. My most ardent desire and firm intention at this time is that I prove worthy of your confidence."

"Our city, like the rest of the country, is experiencing the most critical period in its history. This is indeed a period wherein there is a greater need for loyalty and co-operation than ever before and a time when we must unite as one solid group with but one objective and that to place our city once more in a sound condition."

"I once more renew my pledge to you that I will exert all the energy at my command and all the influence of my office to administer the affairs of Lackawanna in an honest, capable and businesslike manner," he concluded.

Announcement of the list of party stalwarts to be named to the various appointive posts in the city was the first and only official action to be taken by the new administration. The names were said by Tomaka and quickly approved by the four councilmen, Joseph J. Milano, first ward; John Dusza, second ward; Walter Paryz, third ward, and James Galligan, fourth ward.

Heading the list was Anthony Juszcak as city clerk. This is one of the major plums to be handed out and was virtually the only post which remained in doubt to the last minute. Appointment of Juszcak came as a surprise to many, as his name had not previously appeared in public discussions relative to the office. Other new officeholders

in the order of their appointment are James Galligan, president of the Council; Michael McGuire, commissioner of public works; Matthew Orasko vich, superintendent of buildings; Anthony Amorosi, pound keeper; Rudolph Weinstein, corporation counsel; Nicholas J. Milano, secretary to the mayor; John Roach and Felix Polanowski, police commissioners; James Hanley and Anthony Collelo, fire commissioners; Timothy McCormick, city engineer; Michael Gjurich, assistant commissioner of public works; Miss Natalie Dudzic, secretary to corporation counsel.

Dr. Leo Michalek, health physician; Dr. Walter Decker, Dr. Charles Kelly and William Rogers, members of board of health; Dr. E. M. Sullivan, parochial school physician; Thomas Joyce, secretary of Civil Service Commission; William Carroll, sealer of weights and measures; Edward T. Malone, secretary of board of assessors, and William Morrissey, fire chief.

Chief Ray R. Gilson, head of the police department for more than twenty years, was the only department head not changed. A general shakeup in the personnel of the force, promised soon after election by the new mayor "for the good of the service" went into effect, however.

The new lineup is as follows: Samuel Tuttle, chief of detectives; Calvin J. LaFlamme, Stanley Serafin and Gerald Malone, patrol lieutenants; John F. Haley, relief lieutenant Shirill L. Collins, John C. Daley, desk lieutenants; Charles D. Curtin, traffic lieutenant; John A. Cawley, record lieutenant. One other desk lieutenant is yet to be appointed.

Peter O'Rourke, Walter Kubitz, Edward Carroll, Andrew Kuczmarski, James Burke, and Charles Coughlin, Detectives; Joseph J. Fennie, Edmund Ryszka and Bartlett Sumbum, motorcycle squad.

Former officers who have gone back into the ranks as a result of the shakeup include Joseph Spara, chief of detectives; William Mahoney, Joseph Raiman and Joseph Jentetti, patrol lieutenants.

Many other changes are to be put into effect immediately in an effort to promote efficiency in the department, insure more rigid law enforcement and provide better police protection for the city "on a 24 hour a day basis," Tomaka declared Monday night.

"Under the new plans patrol men will ride in the police patrol cars instead of detectives, so that the plainclothesmen will be free to function entirely at the duties for which they are appointed, and a general schedule of more rigid rules will be enforced," he said.

## FATHER BAKER'S BOYS WILL VISIT SHEA'S SHOW

Five hundred boys from Father Baker's Home will be guests of the South Buffalo Lions Club and Shea's Seneca at a specially arranged theatre party, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. An elaborate program of screen attractions has been prepared suitable for the occasion.

The big features will be shown, which will surely prove to be interesting to the boys.

Members of the South Buffalo Lions Club will provide transportation for Father Baker's youthful charges, to and from the theatre.

Miss Lil Showppson and Miss Mary Langner, nurses at Our Lady of Victory hospital expect to spend the week-end at Chestnut Ridge Park, Ski-ing.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

The annual Charity Ball of the Buffalo Council of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Monday evening, January 29th at the Hotel Statler.

Grand Knight Kevin Killeen has appointed Daniel F. Ganey Jr., and George F. Pfeiffer co-chairmen for the ball, and they will be assisted by various committees to be announced later.

## WARSAW REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S BANQUET

The Warsaw Women's Republican Club of this city held its annual installation banquet at the clubrooms at 1524 Electric avenue, last Sunday evening.

An outstanding feature of the banquet was the celebration of the victory of Walter Paryz, third ward councilman, who was one of the three Republicans who were successful in the city election.

The guests for the installation and banquet were the husbands of the members and former Mayor Lohr, Judge Pillion and Councilman Donowich and John Aszkler.

The officers installed are Pearl Uliaszek, president; Anna Potowora, financial secretary, and Mary Price, treasurer.

## PUNCH IN NOSE RATES 120 DAYS

In order to discourage brothers from indulging in fistcuff's his Honor Judge John R. Pillion, celebrated his return to the city bench, handed out an 120 day sentence to NiskStraszczak, 24, alias "Kicoli," who broke his brothers' nose.

The fight it developed started over an insurance policy owned by the mother, and, which it is alleged, the aggressor wanted to cash. The younger brother refusing to surrender same until the return of the mother from the hospital.

Upon the refusal to turn over the policy it was alleged the older brother assaulted his junior, breaking his nose, and causing a hospital bill of \$155.

## FAVORITISM COMPLAINT OF CWA JOB SEEKER

Several men seeking work in the City recently have complained that preference is being given others because of "political pull." One job-seeker, in an effort to correct allegedly unsatisfactory conditions, carried his complaint directly to Mr. Griffiths and was promised a thorough investigation would be made as soon as he is furnished with a list of names of the persons whose right to work on CWA projects is being questioned.

The complaining person in his charges declared that several former city employees in Lackawanna, who lost their jobs when the new Democratic fathers took control of the government January 1st, made application and received work immediately on the Smokes Creek improvement project, the first CWA work to be undertaken in the city. At least one of these men was the former head of one of the city departments and ranked high in political circles it was said. He was employed as a foreman.

At the same time it was declared several unemployed men many of whom have been without work for months and who had registered with the CWA bureau in the city several weeks ago, still are unable to get work, "because there is some individual in the bureau who is taking care of friends and persons with political influence while neglecting others without giving any consideration to their needs or qualifications."

## New Editor For "Herald"

Mr. Fred E. Leyda will take over the Editorial duties of the "Lackawanna Herald" starting this week, as well as the management of the Printing and Publishing of the paper.

Mr. Fred White, former Editor of the "Herald" wishes to thank his many friends for their co-operation during the past two years in his work on the "Herald".

## PICKWICK CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS

A large crowd attended the first annual dinner dance Tuesday evening, January 2nd, at the Rainbow Gardens, Hamburg Turnpike and Dona St., when officers of the Pickwick club recently elected for the ensuing year were installed.

Those who took office were Henry Leszczynski, president; Henry Woyshner, vice-president; Michael Antos, treasurer and Stephen Kasaczun, secretary.

Michael Antos, chairman of the dinner dance arrangement, was assisted by Thaddeus Balbierz, George W. Remenick, Jr., Henry Leszczynski and John Begola.

Guests of honor were Supervisor and Mrs. Robert M. Avery and Walter Chlosta acted as toast-master.

## FALLS ON STREET BREAKS HER LEG

Mrs. Marian Gorecka, 92 Currant Street, was taken to Our Lady of Victory hospital early Wednesday morning, following a fall on the crossing at Center Street and Caldwell.

Examination at the hospital showed that the woman's leg had been fractured by the fall.

## DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE IN DOM POLSKI HALL

A capacity crowd of more than 600 attended an inauguration banquet and celebration held last Saturday in honor of local Democratic candidates who were victorious in the November election. The event was held in Dom Polski Ridge Road under the auspices of the First Ward Women's Democratic club.

Guests of honor were headed by Mayor Paul J. Tomaka; Supervisor Michael J. Hughes; Councilmen Joseph J. Milano, John Dusza, and James Galligan, Assessors Walter Ogarek and Thomas Murphy and City Treasurer John J. Monaghan.

Others feted were Rudolph S. Weinstein, newly appointed corporation counsel, Felix Polonowski, Police commissioner Angelo Grosso who was defeated for the post of Assessor by the narrow margin of two votes.

Among the invited guests were Congressman James M. Mead; Sheriff Frank J. Offermann; John A. Ulinski, president of the Buffalo City Council; The Rev. Joseph Glapinski, The Rev. A. S. Janowski, Senator Stephen Wojtkowiak Assemblyman Edwin L. Kantowski.

Miss Anna Zovtowski, who was in charge of the banquet, was assisted by Miss Lydia Dudzic, assistant chairman.

Others in charge of completing arrangements were: Mrs. Sophie Pieszezachowicz, Miss Alice Burke, Mrs. Anna Gorczyja, Mrs. V. T. Tomasia, Mrs. M. C. Holjsan, Mrs. Mary Tiednicz, Mrs. A. C. Bajanick, Mrs. Mildred Strand, Mrs. Anna Schwed, Mrs. M. B. Sikich, Miss Anna Konder, Miss Bertha Zajhowski, Miss Francis Nichola, Miss Eva Rokovina, Miss Mary Pillich, Miss Jesse Gorden, Miss Ruth Koslin and Mrs. A. D. Kochan.

## LUTNIA ENTERTAINS FOR BUFFALO SINGERS

The Lutnia Singing Society entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Orfury Ladies Singing Society of Buffalo and the Sunny Side club of Center St.

Among the Buffalo guests were the Misses E. Bielinska, R. Ladrowska, L. Zalchowska, J. Fabian and H. Kozlowska.

Refreshments and a buffet luncheon was served and vocal selections rendered by the hosts and guests during the evening.

The officers of Lutnia are:

Jacob Romaniak, president; Paul Sobczak, vice-president; William Mazo, recording secretary; John Kusmierczak, treasurer, Aetain Liskup, financial secretary and Bernard Glowacki, sergeant-at-arms.