

The Policed Have The Say 1919-1945





Crises of 1919



1919 Bombing Suspect, E. J. McCurdy

Great Migration



The Migration in Process.



Steel Strike in Homestead 1919 |



1926 Farmers National Bank Bombing



Teenie Harris
image of Detective
in Poor Dwelling





Wood St. after 1936 Flood



Traffic Duty at Forbes and Murray, 1926



Some PR: A Lesson on Traffic Regulations 1932



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FOR THE WEEK

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Aged Woman Clubbed By Boy In Cemetery; Condition Serious

Harvey White, 14, of 4900 Harvey street, Mumball, now awaits the decision of the juvenile court and the outcome of the condition of aged Mrs. Marie Datum, 76 of Buck street, The youth almost clubbed her into unconsciousness in the Smithfield cemetery, corner of Dallas and Forbes, last Monday afternoon as she prayed at the grave of a son.

Using a heavy club, resembling a spit handle, young White tried according to police, to beat Mrs. Datum into submission and take her pocketbook. The reason, according to the Mumball youth, was that he desired street car fare home.

According to reports he had played "hook" from school and gone to the circus in East Liberty hoping to reach home in time that his parents would learn nothing of his missing school.

Beats Woman at Grave

Altogether about the cemetery, as the injured woman said she had seen him before he struck her, the youth waited until the cemetery closed. However, on the grave of her son, then he attacked her, using a club which would be inflicted on her head that for a time it was thought she would die.

Seven stitches were required to close the wound. Mrs. Datum will be taken to the hospital.

Collectors Bill Now Takes Eye Of Tax League

With the passage of the Huffman-Rankin delinquent tax abatement bill the next step of the organized taxpayers of Pennsylvania is to have passed the Moore-Moran bill for reduction of the number of tax collectors in Pennsylvania from 25 to 12, it is announced by C. W. Shoup, executive director of the Allegheny County Real Estate Owners and Taxpayers League.

The committee headed by Representative Frank J. Jikins has 28 members. They have consulted with Governor Egan recently regarding tax legislation. The group plans to hold frequent meetings to discuss legislation having bearing on taxation.

I. Leonard Aronson, president of the Allegheny County Real Estate Owners and Taxpayers League, is recovering in Cleveland from an operation. Aronson is a resident of Squirrel Hill.

Limited Number of Officers Here Hampers Efficiency of Police Force

More police are needed in Squirrel Hill. That is the general opinion of opinion throughout the district and also among the police force here.

To a certain extent, the traffic conditions here are based on a limited number of men on the local police force. As arrangements now stand, the most important corners and thoroughfares are patrolled. Less important streets are left unpatrolled.

Beats too Large

Local police have large beats to cover and it is impossible for them to cover thoroughly all districts if their number remains at the present quota.

Mayor William M. McCall out the city police force to the present remnant. No additions have been made for some time. The move has been styled an economical ploy.

This fact does not counteract the fact that there is a scarcity of policemen in Squirrel Hill, one of the heaviest tax contributing wards in the city, and the section wherein the best residential district is located. This illad should warrant adequate police protection.

When the circus was in East Liberty last week police from the Squirrel Hill No. 11 police station had to be called to handle the crowds. This left the district unprotected to a certain extent. Not to Inspector Vincent can this be laid, but to the city officials who refuse to have a sufficient number of men on the force.

Parking Violations

The parking situation in this district has been clarified to a certain extent, but local people continue to flout it. The safety, no parking and limited parking zones. True, for some time there was little attention paid to the parking of machines in this district and persons were free to park their machines where, how, and as long as they desired.

Now that the police are "tagging" there has been a woeful cry for relaxing the law. Even those receiving penalty tags for violating the law are saying they can't "take it." This apparently think they are privileged characters and that an officer is transgressing when he writes a tag for even intimating they'll receive a tag.

Driver "Drops" Officer

A specific instance of this happened in front of the Peoples Pittsburgh Trust Company last week. An automobile had been parked in a "no parking" zone for some time—about five minutes. The officer at the corner of Forbes and Murray wrote out a tag for the offender and affixed it to the windshield wiper.

Soon he was "dropped" by the man driver. "No, I'll not take it back and neither can I fix it. You parked in a "no parking" zone and therefore the tag."

The wife of the driver next approached the blue uniformed officer and pleaded for the retraction of the tag. The officer remained firm.

"Well, I'll see what we can do about this cross negligence on your part," she raved. "I'll report you. If it had been a pretty young lady, you sure would have retraced the tag." With that she was off and banged the door.

"Oh—" said the officer with a sigh. "I almost gave her two tags—and a heavy one at that."

The youths were Roy Cosgrove, of Greenfield avenue, Andrew McMillan, of Melwood street, and Clarence Prudal, of Saline street. All three testified before Magistrate P. C. Blair that the policeman started the fight.

Traders Hold Spirited Meet

The Better Business Committee of the Squirrel Hill Board of Trade held a spirited session at Foley's Grill following the public committee meeting last Monday evening. Tom Butch called the meeting to order and presented a plan of action that will have a far reaching effect on the business affairs of the community.

Membership in the Board of Trade, parking, street car transfer privileges and a host of other subjects came in for spirited discussion. Donald M. Peck, advertising solicitor of the Squirrel Hill News stressed the importance of good will and cooperation among the business men while Treasurer Phil J. Kumpf pointed out the opportunities for action among the merchants.

President Young called for more membership in the Board from the business and professional men of the Hill. Tom Butch promises Chairman Cook of the picnic committee 100% cooperation in making this year's outing bigger and better than ever and as chairman of the picnic committee will start at once in securing a big list of expositors.

'60' Street Car Jumps Track

EARLY THIS MORNING a No. 60 street car jumped the track while proceeding down Brown's Hill just above the Brewer's cross street stop. No passengers were injured but after several hours the car was able to proceed to Homestead.

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Lehigh Taxpayers' League Praises Zappala's Work On Committee

Not only from his own district and other Allegheny county districts is Representative Frank Zappala receiving commendation in fact compliments. Last week Representative Zappala received a communication from the Lehigh County Taxpayers' League commending him on his work in the House of Representatives.

Local Representative Zappala is a member of the Committee on Public Accounts. He had a most difficult time reporting the bill out of committee, but finally succeeded. For this act the Eastern taxpayers' association wrote him.

James McDermott, Representative of the Lehigh County district, undoubtedly informed his home district of the work of Zappala.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) EARL V. DONCKER, President.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ansh of Ward street, at the Allegheny General Hospital, on Monday, May 13 a daughter, Mrs. Ansh is the former Esther Colton.

Unconscious Man Found By Police

Missing from his Monessen home since last Friday, Antonio Pico, 22, was found unconscious in the Homestead Cemetery early Tuesday. Police took him to the Pittsburgh Hospital where he was reported in a critical condition, suffering from a fractured skull and exposure.

Through Tuesday, the aged man remained unconscious while police sought to account for his injuries. It is believed Pico wandered into the cemetery and fell from exhaustion.

Mr. H. B. Pitzer, chairman, and Mrs. M. Bernstein, co-chairman were in charge.

Atty. Shulgold's Car Stolen—Found

Minus the radio, clock, spare tire and wheel, the automobile of Attorney Shulgold was found last Monday morning under the Homestead ledge, Homestead. All the accessories were also missing and no sign of the thieves could be found.

Shulgold's car was taken from the corner of Darlington Road and Murray Avenue last Saturday night as he chatted with persons on the corner of Forbes and Murray. When he made ready to travel to his home, no car could be found.

It was not until he received a call from the Homestead police that the attorney knew of the whereabouts of his machine.

Officer Baffles Youths; Suspended For Conduct By Inspector Vincent

Policeman Fred Hall of No. 11 station, Squirrel Hill, was suspended temporarily by Inspector John E. Vincent for conduct unbecoming a policeman after Hall engaged in an alleged fight at the corner of Forward and Murray. Inspector Vincent subpoenaed Hall from charges of striking but stated that the officer had been drinking beer.

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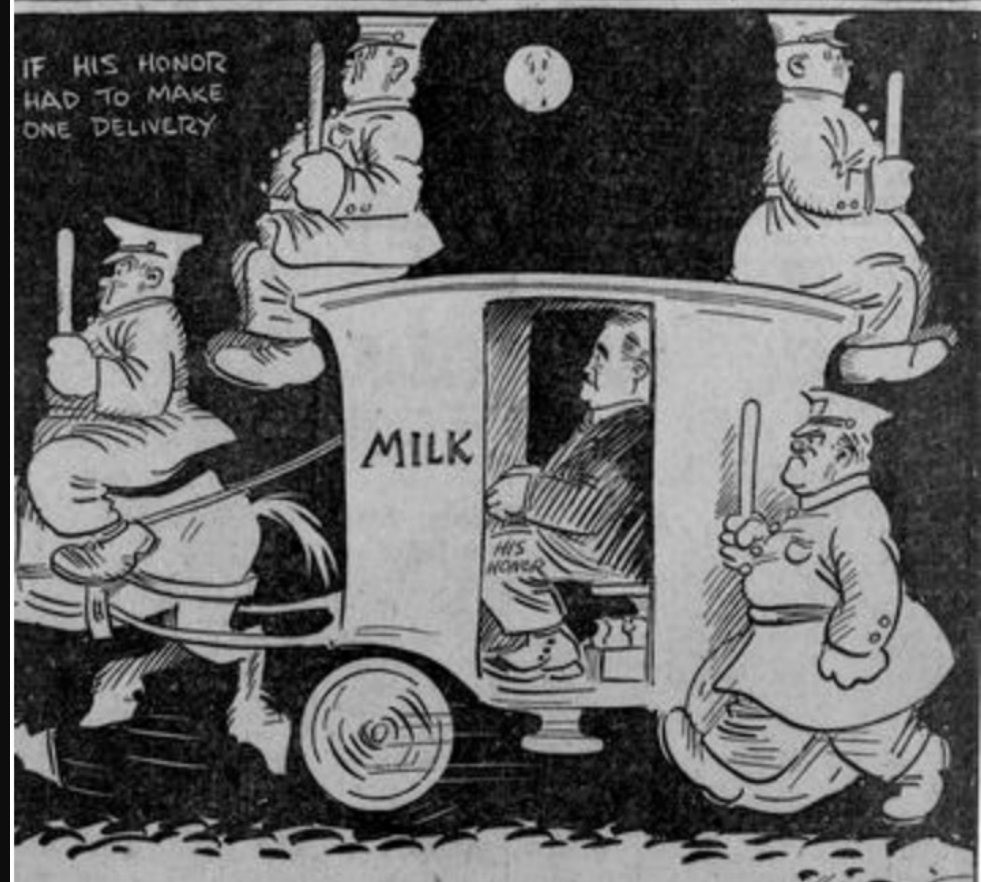
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Strikes
(Charges of Pro-
Striker Bias in 1929
Milk Strike)

Circumstances Might Alter Cases---By Hungerford



1928 Booklet
Celebrating "The
Black Squad"
(Police Horses)





New Dormont
Police Car
(1935)



Motorcycle Policeman Receives a Medal from the Mayor (early 1940s)