

## WESTVILLE OFFICER MOTOR CRASH VICTIM

Policeman Charles Duer Struck by Motorist While Examining Lights of Car Early Sunday Morning

### FOUR FATALITIES IN WEEK

Audubon Youth Succumbs When Car Overturns Near Scene of Patrolman's Death

A well known Westville policeman was fatally injured at Crown Point road and Gateway boulevard shortly after he reported for duty at midnight Saturday. The man was struck by a passing motorist while examining the lights of a car he had stopped, and died five hours later in Underwood Hospital.

About an hour earlier an Audubon youth received injuries which proved fatal when he lost control of his car near the spot where the officer was struck.

Two other fatalities were recorded in South Jersey during the week.

The dead:

Charles Duer, 41, of 418 River Drive, Westville.

William A. Kautz, 20, of 328 Oak street, Audubon.

August F. Krischer, 30, of 945 Foulkrod street, Frankford.

Mrs. Christine Moore, 60, of Barga-town, N. J.

Duer, a Westville policeman, was killed early Sunday morning while assisting state police check up on motorists. He had reported for duty at midnight and with State Troopers Hurden, Swenson and Smith and Patrolman John Ehrenzeller was checking the lights on motorists' cars on Crown Point road near the Gateway boulevard intersection.

He had stopped a motorist whose automobile lights were too bright. He was examining the license of the motorist with his foot on the running-board of the car when a southbound automobile, driven by J. Lewis Denney, 27, of Hessian avenue, near Verga, struck him. The car of the halted motorist, whose name is not known, was not touched.

Captain of Police Peter Cusentine took Duer to the hospital, where the Patrolman died at 5 a.m. He also suffered a broken left leg.

Dr. A. R. Carpenter, of Westville, who examined Denney after the accident, told police Denney had been drinking but was not intoxicated. He is at liberty in bail of \$5000 on a manslaughter charge after a hearing before Recorder Fred Simmler.

He will be given a hearing on a reckless driving charge tomorrow evening.

Duer is survived by a widow, Margaret, and four children, Frank, 13; Harry, 11; Edna, 7, and Margaret, 3. Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Duer home. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery, Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

Kautz was fatally injured when he lost control of the car he was driving on Crown Point road, near Gateway boulevard. The accident occurred about an hour before Duer was struck.

Kautz, driving northbound in a new roadster which he had purchased the day before, had gotten off the road and lost control of his car. When he attempted to get off the gravel shoulder of the road, the car skidded, overturned and then righted itself. He was thrown out, suffering a fractured skull.

Kautz was taken to the hospital by Captain Cusentine and K. S. Bright, of National Park, in the car of Bright.

Krischer was thrown from his car after it struck a telephone pole on White Horse pike, near Berlin.

Roy Brandt, of 623 Grant avenue, West Collingswood, who was riding behind Krischer's car, described the accident to state police of the Berlin barracks.

Brandt declares that Krischer's car suddenly left the road, struck the pole and then turned over on its side. Krischer was thrown clear of the car, he said.

Brandt picked the unconscious man up and placed him in his car and went in search of a physician. He came, first, however, to the state police sub-station on White Horse pike where Krischer was placed in an ambulance. He was pronounced dead at Cooper Hospital.

A driver's license, letters and watch revealed his identity. The sum of \$30 was found in his pockets. The car, completely wrecked, belonged to the company for which he worked.

Mrs. Moore, who was injured seriously last Wednesday while riding in an automobile driven by her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Price, 25, of Barga-town, died Saturday in the Atlantic Shore Hospital, Somers Point. Mrs. Price's car collided with another

## DEPENDENT CHILDREN SHOW HUGE INCREASE

State Caring for 27,275 Representing Triple Increase During past Decade—Gloucester County Has 191

The State of New Jersey is caring for 27,275 dependent children, according to a report of the State Pension Survey Commission prepared for presentation to the Legislature.

The total of dependent children for 1931 shows that the number has increased three and one-half times in 10 years.

In 1921, the report shows, there was an average of 24 children receiving public care for every 10,000 of population. Last year this number had increased to 66 for every 10,000 population.

In the list by counties, South Jersey is shown to have the lowest and also the highest counties from the standpoint of child dependents.

Gloucester county has fewer children being cared for by the state than any of the 21 counties, with only 14 to every 10,000.

Cape May county ranks high in the list with 72 for every 10,000 population, being equaled in this respect by Sussex, which has the same ratio.

Camden county's percentage is lower than the average for the state, with 58 per 10,000.

Care of dependent children is administered by the State Board of Children's Guardians. Some of the children are boarded with their mothers under what is known as the widow's pension plan, while others are cared for in foster homes and institutions.

Actually there is no widow's pension in New Jersey, for while grants are made to the mothers, they are only for the care of the children. The maximum for the first child is \$16 a month, with \$14 for the second and \$12 for the others.

By counties the number of children cared for in 1921 and at the end of 1931 was as follows:

County	1921	1931
Atlantic	139	492
Bergen	357	1,376
Burlington	128	509
Camden	329	1,456
Cape May	27	147
Cumberland	77	371
Essex	1,679	7,298
Gloucester	60	191
Hudson	2,388	7,657
Hunterdon	41	111
Mercer	438	1,164
Middlesex	568	1,187
Monmouth	364	931
Morris	283	518
Passaic	438	1,376
Salem	35	124
Somerset	82	340
Sussex	87	215
Union	306	1,193
Warren	61	433
Totals	7,920	27,275

## THIEVES RANSACK WOODBURY HOMES

Thieves obtained loot valued at several hundreds of dollars Friday night when they ransacked two homes and a store at Woodbury. Police were able to obtain only meagre clues.

The places entered were the L. D. Goucher residence on South Bayard avenue, the home of H. F. Eigenbrodt, 45 North Evergreen avenue and the delicatessen store of Herman Stichler, 743 North Broad street.

Several pieces of silverware, including some heirlooms, and jewelry were stolen from the home of Goucher, manager of the Bell Telephone Company. The loss is about \$200.

Entrance was gained by breaking a window in a door.

Two revolvers and jewelry were obtained from the Eigenbrodt home where the robbers climbed to a shed roof and forced a window.

The thieves took \$5 from the delicatessen store after ransacking the place. Bank and building and loan books from the Stichler home were found on DuBois avenue Saturday.

Police Chief B. J. McGee and Sergeant Porch investigated.

Earlier in the week, Edward Martin, Woodbury contractor, lost tools valued at \$80 from a tool box at Crown Point Road and Red Bank avenue where workmen are constructing a storm sewer.

The home of Dr. Paul M. Pegau, Briar Hill Lane, was ransacked Monday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Pegau attended the theatre. Mrs. Pegau's mother and the two Pegau children were asleep on the second floor.

Dr. Pegau stated nothing of value was obtained and Police Chief Burton McGee was unable to determine how the entrance was made.

John C. W. Shivers reported to

## GRAND JURY FINDS 96 INDICTMENTS

Forty True Bills Charge Defunct Glassboro Bank Officials with Illegal Loans Amounting to More Than \$30,000

### CONSIDER 100 CASES

Many Defendants Cited in Various Offenses by January Panel During Three-Day Session

The grand jury of the January term of Gloucester county courts returned 96 true bills against a number of defendants Thursday after a three-day session. More than 100 cases were presented by Prosecutor J. J. Summerill, Jr.

Forty of the indictments were returned against two men formerly connected with the defunct Glassboro Title and Trust Company. Morgan von Lohr, treasurer and director, was indicted on thirty-six counts and Wesley Brown, Washington township farmer, was indicted four times.

Both defendants were arrested recently charged with obtaining nearly \$30,000 in loans without the consent of the directors.

Fourteen indictments were returned against dry law violators, eight for larceny, eight for desertion and non-support and three for passing bad checks and two for assault and battery.

Indictments returned are:

Morgan W. Von Lohr and Wesley Brown, Glassboro, joint indictment, conspiracy to commit a crime, two indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr and Wesley Brown, joint indictments for conspiracy to violate an act of the legislature entitled "An Act concerning trust companies."

Morgan W. Von Lohr, violation of an "Act concerning trust companies," 18 indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr, conversion of property by agent, three indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr, embezzlement by corporate officer, three indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr, aiding in the violation of an act of the legislature entitled "An Act concerning trust companies," four indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr, fraudulent appropriation of property, three indictments.

Morgan W. Von Lohr, larceny, three indictments.

Wesley Brown, violation of an "Act concerning trust companies," two indictments.

William Allen, Solomon Briscoe, Wenonah, larceny, three indictments.

Solomon Briscoe, William Allen, Judge Kimbrough, Jr., Wenonah, larceny.

James Culbertson, Harrison township, assault and battery.

Bruno Woturski, Woodbury, larceny.

Asbury Townsend, Woodbury, forgery and uttering.

C. H. Friars, president, and R. Shlifer, treasurer, trading as Royalties No. 1, West Deptford township, making and uttering bad checks with intent to defraud, seven indictments.

William Redman Smith, Coleman Montague and Andrew Moore, East Greenwich township, larceny of fowl, three indictments.

C. A. James, Paulsboro, making and uttering bank check with intent to defraud, three indictments.

Harry Jones, Monroe township, obtaining money under false pretense.

Alles Andro Rosomondo, Franklin township, burning buildings.

Randolph Finey, Elk township, larceny of fowls.

William G. Devlin, Franklin township, larceny.

Fred Douglas, East Greenwich township, larceny of fowl.

Joseph Doman, Charles Hegele and Joseph Pietsche, Deptford township, burglary and larceny.

Frances Stanger, West Deptford township, desertion and non-support.

Stanley Potts, Deptford township, desertion and non-support.

John W. Black, Paulsboro, desertion and non-support.

Gaetano Aveni, Jr., Paulsboro, desertion and non-support.

Stanley Miller Camp, Glassboro, desertion and non-support.

William Wentzell, Paulsboro, desertion and non-support.

S. Theodore Mathis, Harrison township, desertion and non-support, two indictments.

James Ragsdale, Joseph Loper, Pitman, breaking and entering; larceny and receiving.

Tony Lamacchio, Paulsboro, carrying concealed weapon.

Roosevelt Gaines, Russell Robinson, Harrison township, assault and battery.

Thomas Gardner, South Harrison township, carrying concealed weapon.

James Burrell, South Harrison township, carrying concealed weapons.

Herbert E. Ziegenfuss, Harrison township, making and uttering bank

## TEACHERS' ANNUITY REQUESTS STATE AID

Demand for \$4,161,566 From Treasury for Pension Fund Expected to Cause Battle in Legislature

The trustees of the State Teachers' Pension Annuity Fund has requisitioned the state for payment of \$4,161,566 to their account from the state treasury.

The payment asked is compulsory under the present law, but Assemblyman F. A. Brown, of Hudson, has introduced in the Legislature a bill to prohibit diversions from the railroad tax receipts, from which the teachers' pension is contributed and a legislative battle is anticipated.

In view of the demand that the tax load be lightened, the question has been raised by some of the legislators as to why the contribution of the teachers' account could not be deferred and the money turned back to the local school districts.

An attempt a few years ago to amend the law governing state donations for teachers' pensions brought a massed protest and as a result, the effort was abandoned. At that time, the sum paid was considerably less than the latest figure. There has been a steady advance over a period of years.

The amount paid last year was \$3,893,179 and the total of railroad tax receipts was \$11,800,783. For the current year, the railroad taxes will show an increase of not more than \$175,000, according to the State Comptroller's office, while the pension fund requisition is up nearly \$270,000.

Originally intended for distribution among the counties for school purposes, the railroad tax receipts have been so depleted by various annual appropriations that the counties for the year ending June 30 last received only \$2,344,378.50.

"If the succeeding legislatures continue the policy of diverting these taxes as heretofore," states the bill, "within a short time there would be no remaining balance to be distributed to the municipalities for the support of the public schools, and to that extent increase the burden of taxes on real property, which now unjustly bears the major burden of taxation."

"If these taxes were distributed to the municipalities as originally intended by the act of 1888, it would represent a saving to the taxpayers of approximately \$1.28 per thousand for 1931."

The only deduction that would be allowed by the Brown bill would be a one-half mill tax on the dollar valuation for state purposes.

## ENGINEERS OPPOSE MOORE'S PLAN

The South Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers and Surveyors meeting at Camden last week, voiced strong opposition to Governor Moore's proposed reduction of the state construction program.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting:

"Resolved, that the South Jersey Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors go on record as condemning the further curtailment of improvements, and further recommend a reasonable expenditure of funds at this time for necessary development, thereby enhancing the privilege of the wage earner to earn a livelihood for the maintenance of himself and dependents, and that municipalities and cities appropriate such funds to expedite this program."

Officers of the chapter, representing Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem, were elected as follows: Beale M. Schmucker, Camden county engineer, president; Benjamin Sleeper, Burlington, first vice-president; Harold I. Eaton, Atlantic City, second vice-president; J. Owen Carter, Woodbury, secretary, and Harry Marvin, Woodlynne, treasurer.

## SHERIFF SELLS THREE PROPERTIES

Three properties were sold at sheriff's sale Friday by Sheriff J. K. Tryon.

The property of George Mottolo, comprising tracts in Franklin township, were bid in by the complainant, Manueto Mottolo, on bids of \$100 for each of three tracts and \$50 for a fourth. The amount of the decree was \$750.

The property of Cornelia Hartwig, Mantua township, was bid in by the N. Y. Joint Stock Land Bank, complainant, for \$100, under a decree of \$3300.

The property of Nicholas Moro, Glassboro, was bid in by the Glass-

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