



Harry Gertz, left, of the Gertz department store and C. D. B. Hensel, manager of Montgomery Ward, resort to the time-honored method of determining "first choice" for the charity baseball game next Wednesday in the Jamaica High School stadium on 168th street. The proceeds go to the Red Cross. The teams will be made up of employees of the two Jamaica Department stores. Ernest E. Keith, treasurer of the Central Chapter of the Red Cross, displays some of the tickets that are on sale. Have you bought yours?

### Jury Awards \$1,500 to Motorcycle Victim

A jury in Queens Supreme Court yesterday awarded \$1,500 to Mrs. Sadie Herzberg of Brooklyn for injuries received in an accident at Far Rockaway on July 21, 1936. Her husband, Harry, was given \$500 for medical expenses.

The judgments were entered against the city and three co-defendants, Joseph and Peter Lebrizzi, brothers, of 910 Dinsmore avenue, Far Rockaway, and Warren Reid of 3202 Sprayview avenue, Edgemere. Mrs. Herzberg was hit by a motorcycle operated by Joseph Lebrizzi and owned by his brother while on the boardwalk at Far Rockaway.

Reid was a passenger. Mrs. Herzberg sued the three for using the boardwalk for a vehicle and the city for permitting use of the boardwalk. Joseph Lebrizzi and Reid were lifeguards on duty at the time of the accident.

Among the witnesses called by the city in its attempt to disclaim responsibility were Borough Works Commissioner John J. Haleran and Highway Superintendent S. Meredith Strong Jr.

#### WOMAN AWARDED \$5,000 IN SUIT FOR \$50,000

Mrs. Mary Coogan was awarded \$3,000 by a jury in Queens Supreme Court yesterday in a damage action against her landlords, Mr. and Mrs. William Leutz of 398 Burns street, Forest Hills. She sued for \$50,000.

Mrs. Coogan said her leg was shortened three inches as a result of injuries due to a fall over a defective door sill in the Leutz house. She testified from a wheel chair.

#### GIRL INJURED BY TRUCK IS GRANTED \$1,500

Pearl Matlock, 16, of 66-10 Grand avenue, Maspeth, was awarded \$1,500 by Justice William P. Wiener in City Court, Jamaica, yesterday for injuries suffered last Sept. 21, when she was hit by a truck operated by John Spoto of 140-33 160th street, Jamaica. Her father, Abraham, was awarded \$250 for medical expenses.

Miss Matlock was hit as she left a trolley car near her home.

### 2 NEW PARKS ARE APPROVED

The City Planning Commission urged the city today to increase park facilities in Queens by taking title to two areas in Ridgewood and Long Island City and developing them as public playgrounds. Each site covers more than a block.

The commission said the city's master plan would not be affected by either project.

The Ridgewood area described as suitable for development as a park is bounded by Forest and 75th avenues, 80th place, St. Felix and Seneca avenues and Decatur street.

That in Long Island City is bounded by 45th road, 21st street, 45th avenue and 11th street. The land has an assessed valuation of \$77,000.

Jabez Dunningham of Elmhurst, veteran civic leader, and Isaac Lillian of Long Island City appeared before the commission yesterday to urge approval of the Long Island City park.

The commission also approved maps outlining grades and block dimensions on the east side of Hollis Court boulevard from Union turnpike to 86th avenue, Hollis Gardens.

#### Market Owner Indicted In Theft of \$1,500

Morris Wendell, Flushing market owner, accused of misappropriating \$1,500 which was turned over to him as security on a lease, was ordered to stand trial in Special Sessions today by the Queens Grand Jury.

Wendell, 36, of 35-05 Parsons boulevard, Flushing, is president of the Northern and Parsons Inc., which formerly operated the Pay-N-Talk Market at 144-11 Northern boulevard.

Roy Hoge, owner of a restaurant at 141-25 Northern boulevard, charged that last Sept. 11, he entered into a lease with Wendell for the property he occupied, and deposited \$1,500 as security.

On Nov. 23, he said, he exercised an option to break the lease and demanded the return of his security, but that Wendell refused to surrender the money. He charges Wendell with converting the money to his own use.

#### FREED ON GUN CHARGE

Morris Singer, 32, a jewelry salesman, of 2 Berkeley street, Baldwin, was acquitted in Manhattan Special Sessions yesterday of carrying a gun and simple assault. Singer was accused of drawing the gun March 14 to frighten Louis Bell, Manhattan car washer, in a row over a bill owed Singer by Bell.

## LIGHTNING HITS HOUSE, RUINS FAIR EXHIBIT

### 87-Mile Gale Wrecks Awnings and Flags During Brief Storm

Queens basked today in a warm sunshine from a cloudless sky, recuperating from a half-hour thunderstorm which struck the borough with little warning late yesterday afternoon, routed crowds at the World Fair and inflicted considerable damage.

One house was struck by lightning and an East Elmhurst man was stunned when a bolt struck a few feet from him. Hundreds of awnings were ripped loose in the gale which momentarily reached a velocity of 87 miles an hour at one point. Tree branches were torn loose and some windows were broken.

Thirty minutes after the storm broke, the sky cleared.

The forecast is fair and cool tonight and tomorrow.

#### Havoc at the Fair

The World Fair was the principal sufferer in the storm which thundered in from the northwest a few minutes after 4 P. M. Here are some of the things that happened.

Lightning struck the Yankee, reproduction of an 1830 square-rigger sailing ship moored alongside the New England exhibits. Thirty feet of mast and rigging were shattered.

A bolt cracked one wing of a huge plaster eagle over an entrance to the Federal Building. The damaged section, weighing 200 pounds was removed.

Fifteen flags were whipped to tatters in the transportation area. Tables were upset in two open-air restaurants, and two boats were capsized in Liberty Lake.

At North Beach Airport, black clouds and a barrage of dust in the vanguard of the main storm gave attendants ample warning. Eleven planes on the apron awaiting passengers were tied down. Two windows were blown in, but port officials reported no other damage.

Anthony Scibetta, 30, of 23-21 97th street, East Elmhurst, was knocked down when lightning struck an overhead electric light wire as he was passing underneath while on his way home. The bolt missed him but the concussion stunned him.

An apartment on the fourth floor of 23-11 33rd street, Long Island City, was also struck. Morton Nohilly and his family, the occupants, were not injured.

### Synagogue League Elects Officers

Arnold R. Walters of Flushing was elected president of the Queens Region of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America at a meeting last night in the Jamaica Jewish Center.

Elected with Walters were Arthur L. Slater of West Forest Hills, vice-president; Sarah B. Jaffe of Jamaica, corresponding secretary; Stella Price of West Forest Hills, recording secretary, and Sylvia Garil of Corona, treasurer.

## Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Awarded Beauty Honors

The \$18,000,000 Bronx-Whitestone Bridge across the East River is the most beautiful monumental steel bridge completed during the last year, judges announced at the 12th annual award meeting of the American Institute of Steel Construction in Manhattan last night.

It was the second time within three years that the Institute gave its award to a bridge in Queens. In 1937, the Tri-Boro Bridge was judged the most beautiful in the nation.

The Bronx-Whitestone Bridge was opened on April 29, 1939 by Mayor LaGuardia and Park Commissioner Robert Moses. It links 147th street, Whitestone, with Old Ferry Point in the Bronx.

Its length, including the approach and viaducts, is 8,000 feet. The jury making the selection consisted of Professor Hale Sutherland of Lehigh University, Professor J. K. Finch of Columbia University, Francis Keally and Louis E. Jallade, Manhattan architects, and Roger W. Sherman, manager editor of The Architectural Record.

A stainless steel plaque in recognition of the award was given to the Tri-Boro Bridge authority which controls the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

### Retired

#### Injured Officer Among Six Granted Pensions

Injured in an automobile accident while on duty two years ago, Patrolman Albert Frey, 39, of 179-78 108th avenue, St. Albans, was retired at midnight Tuesday on three-quarters pay. It was disclosed last night in police orders.

Frey was injured Nov. 18, 1938, at Rockaway boulevard and 108th street, Ozone Park, while reprimanding a motorist. He was appointed to the department Sept. 4, 1928, and had been assigned to the Ozone Park Precinct. Under the retirement order, he will draw a pension of \$2,250 a year.

Also retired for physical disability were:

Patrolman Anthony Becker, 37, of 80-23 59th street, Ridgewood, who will draw \$1,500 pension. He was assigned to Traffic P in Manhattan. Becker was appointed to the department August 8, 1925.

Patrolman William L. Zimmerman, 42, of Brooklyn, who had been on sick leave from Jamaica Precinct for several months. He was appointed June 26, 1929, and will draw \$1,500.

Patrolman Leicester Braun, 43, of 97-05 103rd avenue, Ozone Park, who has been on sick leave from the 84th Precinct, Brooklyn. He was appointed May 5, 1922, and will draw \$1,500.

Retired at half-pay on application were Patrolman Frederick J. Mayer, 49, of Morris avenue and Cumberland street, Jamaica, who was assigned to the Jamaica Precinct, and Patrolman Jeremiah A. O'Brien, 54, of New Whitehouse, 110th street and the Boardwalk, Rockaway Park, who was in the 41st Precinct, Bronx.

Mayer was appointed to the force July 25, 1917. O'Brien got his badge Dec. 30, 1910.

lating the Sherman Act and the Federal anti-racketeering statutes. The other sentences are: THOMAS F. SHARKEY, 40, of 92-18 176th street, Jamaica: one month in the House of Detention; one year suspended sentence and probation for three years. JOSEPH M. DEEGAN, 44, of 119-25 237th street, St. Albans; month in the House of Detention and probation for three years. PETER F. WASKIEWICZ, 37, 1712 Putnam avenue, Ridgewood: one year suspended sentence and probation for three years. Judge Hulbert fined the union \$10,000.

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