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THE WEATHER Fair and colder tonight and tomorrow.

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Jamaica Haberdasher Grilled by Police Who Make Arson Charges CONFESSION SOLVES 2 LOCAL CRIMES

FIRES QUELLED IN STORE, DANCE HALL AND HOME

Rags Reported and in Shop by Firemen

BLAZE NEARBY

Week-End Alarms by Residences and Cop's Auto

Investigations by fire and officials following the fire destroyed a haberdasher at 171-03 Jamaica, last night. The arson were lodged him.

Arrest followed the sign-complaint by Assistant Fire William M. Coles, who, with Chief William Cozine, of Battalion, allege they found of oil soaked rags in the merchant's store when the fire was extinguished.

It was in the station at 171-03 Jamaica, last night, that he was unaware of until summoned from his home.

Blaze for Hours

Edward McKeever, of Jamaica, on duty along Hillside avenue, Saturday night, discovered the fire shortly after 11 o'clock. He summoned six companies to the station. Chief Cozine took the store under control.

Fire Seen Nearby

After returning to their fire apparatus were again in another fire. In the dancing studio at 50-34 171st street, away from Schrif's store, a fire was still examining if the haberdasher store to the studio fire.

According to the officials

the first floor, of the two-story building. It quick throughout the house. Connaught resulted.

Unmanned Hill Blaze

A fire reported from the district, brought apparatus from Woodhaven and Richmond as in the two story frame Barbara Monici at 97-41. Considerable damage was done. The origin of this blaze remained.

William Schorenstein

William Schorenstein, 28 years old, reported to the department auto to the garage on "raised up." He was backing the car of the garage on 168th Jamaica avenue when the fire.

Ticket Sale Begins

Tickets for the Long Island Daily Press Benefit show at Brundt's Carlton Theatre, Jamaica, Sunday evening, December 21, go on sale today. Seats range in price from \$1 to \$3, and can be purchased at the following locations: Carlton Theatre, Jamaica avenue and 175th street. Jamaica office, Brooklyn Trust Company, Jamaica avenue, near Parsons boulevard. Long Island Daily Press, 168th street, north of Jamaica avenue.

178TH STREET SUBWAY STOP NOW ASSURED

Place Is Designated for Station by Transportation Board

Designation of 178th street and Hillside avenue, Jamaica, as the location of a station of the Long Island City-Jamaica subway will be made by the Board of Transportation in a future contract which will set out the Hillside avenue spur of the tube, it was learned today.

Designation of 178th street

Under a contract for which bids will be opened December 23, the board will construct the spur along Hillside avenue from 171th to 178th streets, and the final station of this section will be at 163th street. Simultaneous with the construction of this section, however, the portion of the subway from 178th street to Springfield boulevard will be constructed. It is reported, so that the 178th street station may be thrown open about the same time as that at 163th street.

STATE APPROVES 5 GRADE JOBS

ALBANY, Dec. 1.—The Public Service Commission today announced its approval of five grade crossing elimination projects in Nassau County for 1931, which will require a total estimated expenditure of \$880,000.

The Nassau group is part of the

elimination program to be started throughout the state in 1931 at a cost of \$3,877,700. The projects approved in Nassau County were all crossings of the Long Island Railroad; Merrick road, Valley Stream, \$230,000; Lynwood avenue, Cedarhurst, \$200,000; Elm street, Glen Cove, \$200,000; Robbins lane, Oyster Bay, \$100,000; Weiser lane, Farmingdale, \$100,000.

WRENCHES HIP IN FALL

After he tripped on the sidewalk in front of 95-31 Jamaica avenue, Woodhaven, yesterday, Christine Bannholzer, 73, of 86-36 80th street, Woodhaven, was taken to Mary Immaculate Hospital, suffering a dislocated hip.

CHARLES MEISSNER

Landscaping in All Its Branches BACK GARDENS MADE, 510' UP TOP SOIL, BODS, SHRUBS AND EVERGREEN TREES. SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, L. I.

LINESMAN KILLED BY B.-M. T. TRAIN IN OZONE PARK

District Attorney's Office Directs Probe in Fatal Mishap

Investigation is underway today to determine responsibility in the death of John McCluskey, 33, of Brooklyn, employed as a lineman by the B.-M. T., who was ground under the wheels of a train yesterday at the Boyd avenue station, Ozone Park, of the Fulton street elevated line. Richmond Hill detectives and the district attorney's office are trying to learn what McCluskey was doing on the tracks and why Motorman John Schugh did not see him. Service was delayed a half hour while the Richmond Hill emergency squad extricated the remains. As far as police could learn, the lineman was walking the tracks and failed to hear the approach of the train which was bound for Manhattan. It was not until five hours after the death that Philip McCluskey, a brother, of 43-10 Borden avenue, Long Island City, identified the body which was taken to Simonson's morgue in Ozone Park.

CIVICS TO ATTEND BUS HEARING

To Be Present at City Hall When Routes Are Approved

While the city today went before the Appellate Division in Brooklyn to ask that emergency buses be permitted to operate under the supervision of the Department of Plant and Structures at least until January 1, Queens civics were preparing for another descent upon the Committee of the Whole tomorrow, when the body is scheduled to approve a set of bus routes for the borough.

The city will seek an extension

until the first of next year of the stay which Presiding Justice Lazansky of the Appellate Division granted last week to the injunction order issued by Supreme Court Justice Dodd. The continuance of the stay will give the Board of Estimate an opportunity of making substantial progress on its program of placing bus transportation in the hands of franchised operators who are financially responsible and who can obtain the necessary certificates of convenience and necessity required for legal operation, it is said in official quarters.

CIVIC OPINION IN QUEENS

continued to be directed against the award of a borough-wide franchise to the B.-M. T., despite reports that the authorities are favorably inclined towards the franchise grant to that concern.

North Jamaica will be represented

at tomorrow's committee meeting to block any effort which may be made to alter the bus route proposed for Parsons boulevard, between Flushing and Jamaica.

FOUR OF FAMILY HURT IN CRASH

Auto Overturns After Collision Crossing at Woodhaven

A collision of two autos yesterday at the street intersection of 76th street and 91st avenue, Woodhaven, sent four members of a Brooklyn family to the Mary Immaculate Hospital when their machine was overturned. Joseph Dunn, 30, driver of the car of 524 75th street, Brooklyn, received the worst hurt. He was treated for a fracture of the left elbow, a lacerated left hand and contusions of the back. Riding with him and injured were Mary Wilson, 50, contusions and abrasions of the scalp, shoulder and face; Catherine Dunn, 50, contusions and abrasions of the scalp; Edward Dunn, 43, contusions of the left knee and abrasions of the left leg. All live at the same address.

LENIHAN AIDS JOBLESS

Alderman John J. Lenihan of Richmond Hill, is a member of the Mayor's Official Unemployment Committee. Alderman Lenihan was appointed to the group upon the recommendation of Joseph V. McKee, President of the Board of Alder-

Press Readers' Charity, Grateful Letters Reveal, Brings New Hope to Needy

Assistance Given Unfortunates Through Fund Is Appreciated by Recipients Who Send Thanks; Total Nears \$2,000 Mark.

One of the poorest arguments against helping the needy this year is the statement that what is done is not appreciated.

There are too many asking help this year who never asked it before for such a statement to stand unchallenged.

Many who are applying for assistance in 1930 were helping others a year ago. They are the ones quickest to show appreciation for what is done for them.

Not all of the mail received for The Long Island Daily Press Relief Fund is made up of appeals for aid—although most of it consists of letters describing sorry conditions and asking for help.

Mixed in here and there with these appeals to the generosity of those who have something to give is an occasional letter of thanks from those who have received assistance. For the fund is working daily.

There is, for instance, the case of a Valley Stream family. Not long ago while his father and mother did not know what he was doing, a 13-year-old boy wrote to tell of the family's need. He told how little food there was and how his father and mother were worrying because there was no job to be had and there were so many children to feed. But now comes a letter to "Relief Manager, Personal."

"Just a few lines of thanks, I feel it my duty to write you again. I wrote you a few days ago asking you to help my parents as they were in need. The response from you and your kind readers was so great that I cannot express it in words. And I deem it our duty to thank you and your wonderful paper for putting our case before your kind readers who in turn responded so readily. Thank you for your kindness and help which you gave us. We all wish you the best of luck with your paper and your relief work in helping people in need."

There's one family better off because the Relief Fund is working. But one swallow or a score is not a summer by several long strides and there is plenty still to be done by the Relief Fund and those who can donate.

Week-end contributions pushed the fund to \$1,876.18 and the second thousand-dollar mark is within sight if only there arises some new "Doc" Fishman to carry it over that goal "Doc" will be remembered as the sick man who from his hospital bed pledged the \$50 that was needed to put the fund past its first \$1,000.

Dunton Chapter, O. E. S., fell into line with its contribution today when a check for \$10 arrived and the Hillside Democratic Club handed over \$10 which was donated as half the proceeds of a funny costume dance held at the clubhouse.

Two more radio pledges materialized out of the ether when Samuel Fink sent in \$5 and C. Veltung donated a dollar as they pledged during the Relief Fund Hour sponsored by Station WEDV Thanksgiving night.

George A. Mangs, of Springfield Gardens, wrote a commentary on the lack of one-dollar contributions and intimated that things would be a lot better if more people who can afford to donate a dollar would do so. Just as a trail blazer for them, he practiced what he preached and now his dollar is safely in the fund safe.

The No-Nox Club of Hollis sent Grace L. Burke to advance the fund \$2.25 with the club's contribution and the unemployed who are now selling Comet Crystals again contributed two per cent of their net sales which this week made a \$2.12 addition for the fund.

Mrs. M. W. Richmond Hill Circle I am a widow and have just been discharged from the hospital. I am destitute. I have no home but no coal or food to strengthen me. I had two operations on my eye and I am almost blind. I fell and am a cripple. Please help me until I can get strong to help myself. Coal to keep warm is what I need.

Mrs. M. P. Jamaica I have two children and no husband. The children are four years olds and three months old. I am not able to work. Can you help me?

Mrs. E. H. Springfield I hope that you will help me as my husband is injured. He has not worked in two weeks. We have two children, a girl six years and a boy nine months. The baby has a bad cold and we need coal. If you can help us with a Christmas basket I will be very thankful to you.

Mrs. K. C. Ozone Park My husband has been out of work for the past year and we have two small children. We have no coal and our home is very cold. There is no way for me to go out to work as my small baby is nine months old and needs nursing.

W. N. Jamaica I am a painter and have been out of work most of the time since Labor Day. I am 68 years old and not in the best of health. I have a daughter who has two children, seven and twelve years old. They all need food and shoes and clothing. My daughter works cleaning houses when she can. I am willing to do any kind of work I can. I hope you will help me.

Mrs. C. B. South Ozone Park My husband is sick and can't (Continued on Page Three)

Give It a Boost!

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Hillside Dem. Club (Fun-ny Costume Dance) 10.00, Dunton Chapter, 724, O. E. S. 10.00, Samuel Fink 2.00, No-Nox Club of Hollis 2.25, 2 p. c. of net sales—Comet Crystals 2.12, E. Veltung 1.00, George A. Mangs 1.00. Total \$1,876.18

Case No. 129

Mrs. M. W. Richmond Hill Circle I am a widow and have just been discharged from the hospital. I am destitute. I have no home but no coal or food to strengthen me. I had two operations on my eye and I am almost blind. I fell and am a cripple. Please help me until I can get strong to help myself. Coal to keep warm is what I need.

Case No. 130

Mrs. M. P. Jamaica I have two children and no husband. The children are four years olds and three months old. I am not able to work. Can you help me?

Case No. 131

South Ozone Park Mrs. T. has two small children. She is behind in rent and may be dispossessed soon. The family has little to eat. Her husband was doing one day's work but is now at home sick in bed.

Case No. 134

Mrs. C. E. Springfield I am a widow with no income but a small sum I receive from a boarder. I lost my son last March, and I have been sick and lost my position. I am destitute. Could you please help me out with some coal until I get a position?

Case No. 135

Mrs. E. H. Springfield I hope that you will help me as my husband is injured. He has not worked in two weeks. We have two children, a girl six years and a boy nine months. The baby has a bad cold and we need coal. If you can help us with a Christmas basket I will be very thankful to you.

Case No. 136

Mrs. K. C. Ozone Park My husband has been out of work for the past year and we have two small children. We have no coal and our home is very cold. There is no way for me to go out to work as my small baby is nine months old and needs nursing.

Case No. 137

W. N. Jamaica I am a painter and have been out of work most of the time since Labor Day. I am 68 years old and not in the best of health. I have a daughter who has two children, seven and twelve years old. They all need food and shoes and clothing. My daughter works cleaning houses when she can. I am willing to do any kind of work I can. I hope you will help me.

Case No. 140

Mrs. C. B. South Ozone Park My husband is sick and can't (Continued on Page Three)

FOREST HILLS THUGS CAUGHT, POLICE CLAIM

Detectives Arrest Four Youths Charged With Burglaries

Exclusive Forest Hills, ravaged by house-breakers and stick-up men for months past, breathed easier today at the claim of police that the gang responsible for at least 20 burglaries and hold-ups in the community in the last four weeks has been apprehended. A squad of plain-clothesmen, specially assigned to patrol the Forest Hills section since the numerous recent robberies there, brought four youths to the Newtown station house late Saturday night to charge them, after a night of questioning, with being the gang that has terrorized the community.

Taken Before Victims The youths, specifically charged with holding up Robert Haag in front of his home, 102-17 Roman avenue, Forest Hills, several days ago, and who are said to have been identified by other victims as the men who prodded them with pistols are relieved of their valuables, are: Clifford B. Carney, 23, of 71-38 Austin street, Forest Hills; Cornelius Fischer, 76-02 97th avenue, Woodhaven; Francis X. Cosgrove, 23, of 116-22 Curson avenue, Kew Gardens; Edward J. Berger, 22, 89-17 97th street, Woodhaven.

According to police, the four youths, expensively dressed in camel-hair overcoats, were observed by the plain-clothesmen riding, apparently aimlessly, around Forest Hills, Saturday night. After trailing them around the community for over an hour, detectives pulled up to the car-load of youths, and one of the officers, Fred J. Trumps, got out of his car to question the boys.

According to Trumps, he opened the door of the youths' car and saw a revolver on the floor of the machine. After a few moments of questioning, the detectives escorted the youths to the station house and called several Forest Hills residents who had been robbed during the recent crime wave.

Haag was the first to identify the youths as those who had robbed him of \$85, the police say. Other victims looked the quartette over, and told the police they also recognized the boys, it is said, and Sunday morning, police say, after the youths had been questioned for several hours without being able to give satisfactory explanations, the four were formally placed under arrest.

The four were to have been arraigned in Flushing Magistrate's court this morning. According to the police, the arrest of the quartette is expected to end the wave of robberies which has terrorized the exclusive community for weeks. Houses were broken into and residents held up on the streets during the period, with the result that special details of detectives have been patrolling the section for many days in an effort to round up the marauders.

6 IN PARKED CAR ARE INJURED

Six occupants of a parked automobile sustained painful injuries last night when the machine in which they were passengers was struck in the rear by another machine at 70th street and Queens boulevard, Winfield. The operator of the second car was also injured. Those who were attended by an ambulance surgeon said permitted to return to their homes were: Nathan Fincherky, 40, of 48-40 65th place, Kew Gardens; Anna Fincherky, 34, same address; Joseph Alberg, 35, of 69-64 Morton avenue, Richmond Hill; Polly Alberg, 36, same address; Joseph Worms, 19, of 48-40 65th place, Winfield; Charles Bambrick, 22, same address; Thomas Hobans, 25, of 79-42 42nd street, Kew Gardens.

Worms and Bambrick, according to the police were repairing Fincherky's machine when Hoban, driving alone, struck the machine. Fincherky was standing alongside of the machine watching the repair work being done by his two companions. All were attended by an ambulance surgeon and permitted to return to their homes.

DEATH TAKES MAN WAITING FOR TRAIN

Wondering why a gray-haired aged man sat so long and quietly in a corner of the waiting room of the 111th street station, Richmond Hill, of the Jamaica avenue "L," the ticket agent, A. R. Colvin, investigated. Dr. Vinciguerra of Mary Immaculate Hospital was summoned. He pronounced the man dead. A brother identified the body as that of John J.

RICH. HILL BANK GROSS JEWELRY JOBS CLEARED UP

Cabby Not Gabby



MRS. BARBARA SCHMIDT, of 95-19 Northern boulevard, Corona has passed examination and is qualified to operate a taxicab. She is anxious to get material for a book and when she starts as a hackman, or hackswoman, she will specialize in women fares.

Police Say Bassett, "Messenger Boy Bandit," Broke Under Grill

LOOT WORTH \$190,000

Sutton Refuses to Answer Questions; Both Held Without Bail

Despite the failure of Harry L. Gross, Jamaica jeweler, and officials of the Richmond Hill National Bank to identify the "Messenger Boy" bandits as the robbers who held up their establishments, one of the suspects has confessed to the police. Detectives claim their prisoners netted more than \$190,000, including \$40,000 from the Gross store hold-up on March 22, and \$19,000 in the Richmond Hill bank raid on June 7.

The men under arrest identify themselves as William Sutton, of 139-14 222nd street, Laureiton, and William Bassett of Manhattan. Police declare Bassett has broken down and admitted all, but that Sutton refuses to answer questions.

Shortly after clerks in the Gross store, 164-05 Jamaica avenue, opened the shop, two well-dressed young men entered, flashing revolvers.

Patrick Lyden Is Held Up Near Police Headquarters at Mineola

CHAIN STORE MAN ROBBED OF \$270 BY ARMED THUG

MINEOLA, Dec. 1.—Flaunting his daring, an armed bandit, apparently about 19 years of age, came within 300 feet of the third precinct police headquarters here Saturday night and held up Patrick Lyden, 114-31 146th street, Jamaica, manager of a chain grocery store at 220 Jericho turnpike, relieving him of \$270.

The stick-up occurred with almost a hundred persons in the vicinity and with a patrolman walking up Jericho turnpike in the direction of the grocery store.

Lyden had already closed the store and was preparing to go to his home. He had entered his automobile in the company of Albert Donati, also of Jamaica, when the youth approached the auto and asked Lyden where he was going.

Lyden dropped the window at his side, and before he could talk, found a shiny nickel-plated gun staring him in the face. "Hands up, and get out" were the bandit's orders. This Lyden did. When he stood on the pavement again, the bandit drew close, so as to conceal the gun. "Give me your money," was the next order.

The store's manager put his hand in his pocket and took therefrom \$270 in currency, the day's receipts at the store.

The bandit then ordered Lyden back into the auto and told him to drive away. Lyden did this, proceeding up Mineola boulevard, one block, and then racing through several side streets until he was back on Jericho turnpike. Rushing to police headquarters, he reported the theft to Lieutenant Fred Bourgeois, who sent Detectives Elmer Robinson, Harry Zander, and Jack Smith to investigate.

The detectives, assisted by police, searched the neighborhood, but could find no one to answer the description given by Lyden.

Questioned at police headquarters by Detective Marcel Chagnon, Lyden said it was his usual custom to take Saturday receipts home with him and to return them on Monday morning rather than leave the money to the mercy of burglars should they choose to invade the establishment over the week-end.

FIRE DAMAGES FURNITURE STORE

Fire of undetermined origin, which started in the basement of a furniture store at 703 Beach 20th street, Far Rockaway, caused damage estimated at more than \$50,000 to the store and three adjoining buildings. Two alarms, bringing apparatus from every peninsula company, were sounded. The buildings, enveloped in flames, were cut off before the arrival of the apparatus. Firemen battled for more than five hours before they checked the spread of the blaze and brought it under control.

JOINS BANK OF MANHATTAN

Rosser J. Smith, formerly cashier of the Virginia National Bank, Norfolk, Virginia, has joined the Bank