

Auxiliary Police Being Organized

Men Will Aid During Defense Emergencies

Chief Ira Stevenson of Harvey's Lake Police Force, Francis McCarthy of Kingston Township and representatives of other Back Mountain law enforcement agencies were among those who attended the police chiefs' meeting in Wilkes-Barre Tuesday when Chief Russell Taylor of Wilkes-Barre, head of District 2, outlined plans for an auxiliary police organization to serve voluntarily in civilian defense in Luzerne County.

Volunteers are likely to be called upon for service when regular uniformed men are detailed to take care of emergency situations in other communities or areas than their own.

The volunteers will receive their commissions, badges and cards from the State as soon as they have been approved by local police chiefs. Those who wish to apply for the positions may do so by getting in touch with the police chiefs in their community.

Hundreds Skate At Harvey's Lake

Completely Frozen; Lake Is Free Of Snow

With the exception of a 15 by 20 foot open spot in front of Lakeside Inn at Warden Place, Harvey's Lake is completely frozen over daily providing the best skating in years for hundreds of winter sports enthusiasts from Wyoming Valley and surrounding areas.

Except for a few places where the ice froze before the recent heavy snowfall, the surface is completely free from snow, most of the ice having formed during the zero temperatures of the past week.

On Sunday Chief Ira Stevenson of the Harvey's Lake Police force estimated 400 skaters took advantage of the fine skating in spite of the severe cold. Traffic on the Luzerne-Harvey's Lake highway was the heaviest of the winter season with outdoor sportsmen. Between 150 and 200 skaters have been at the lake each night this week. Best skating appears to be at the Aldersand bridge ends.

Injures Nose

When Harley Mission Jr. of Shavertown attempted to leave a room in which he had just put out the light, his face came in contact with a door casing. Now he is following a crooked nose.

GAY-MURRAY NEWS

1942 is following the trend of 1941. Folks everywhere are improving their homes with modern conveniences. Alpha Dymond at Kunkle bought a bathroom, Minnie Jayne at Meshoppen, a deluxe sink, Fred Scott at Montrose got a Goulds Pump.

At Orland Green's Montrose home, our workmen made a complete change from the old to the new, by installing steam heat, best bathroom, automatic pump, linoleum, a sink, and Moore's paint for the kitchen.

Equipment to make farm work easier is off to a good start too. Harry Eveland bought a saw frame, Oley Pratt at Nicholson took a wagon, Harry McKune at Falls is using a new Papep Hammermill.

You can't afford to let either your car or your horse slip on icy roads. We have the chains and links for the car and just everything for old "Dobbin". Drive calks at 75 cents, team harness at \$35. One carload of Oliver equipment has at last arrived and customers are already buying for spring. Harold Dix took a lime sower, John Hinkley a sulky plow, while harrows were bought by Stanley Ball and Jeannette Thomas.

A bird in the bush is worth two in the hand—order early, and you'll be sure it's YOUR hand.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the COUNTY CONTROLLER of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

For the year ending December 31, 1941

ROBERT N. BIERLY COUNTY CONTROLLER

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas:

In conformity with the Act of Assembly approved the eighteenth day of July, 1938, I herewith submit the annual report of Luzerne County showing the receipts and expenditures, together with a statement of the financial condition of the County for the year ending December 31, 1941.

ROBERT N. BIERLY, Controller of Luzerne County.

DEBT STATEMENT DETAILED STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1941

LIABILITIES:	Outstanding	Balance	Outstanding	Balance	Net
Issued Debt:	At Beginning	At End	At Beginning	At End	
Title of Issue:	Of Year	Of Year	Of Year	Of Year	
1913 4 1/2% Road	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$20,000		
1915 4 1/2% Bridge ..	350,000	350,000	118,000		
1931 3 1/2% Funding ..	201,000	201,000	3,000		
1932 5% Funding	110,000	55,000	56,000	\$42,193.75	\$2,508,806.25
1934 3 1/2% Funding ..	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		
1936 5% Funding	100,000	100,000			
1940 1 1/2% Funding ..	500,000	500,000			
1941 1 1/2% Funding ..	850,000	850,000			
TOTAL	\$2,207,000	\$511,000	\$2,516,000	\$42,193.75	\$2,508,806.25
Floating Debt:					
Due to Coal Companies for overpaid taxes on account of Court Decisions reducing valuation of Coal Properties 1925-1929 incl. Final payment without interest					\$9,777.88
Estimated amount of Road Damages and other claims in process of settlement					106,675.00
Bills contracted but not forwarded to Controller's Office for Audit (Estimated)					15,000.00
Accrued Interest to December 31, 1941					468.75
Temporary Loans:					
Miners' National Bank			300,000.00		
Total Floating Debt					519,821.63
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS					\$3,028,627.88
ASSETS					
CASH BALANCE—GENERAL FUND					\$237,345.92
Outstanding Taxes:					
Duplicate for 1941	\$226,582.69				
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	16,329.13		310,253.16		
Duplicate for Prior Years	29,824.83				
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	29,824.83		8,998.44		
Returned and Liened (Est.)	846,887.27				
Less Reserve for Uncollectible	169,337.46		677,549.81		
TOTAL TAXES COLLECTIBLE					\$966,601.81
Accounts Receivable					
From Municipalities and Others—Account of Road and Bridge Construction:					
Wilkes-Barre City	6,000.00				
Conyngham Township	4,000.00				
Duryea Borough	1,000.00				
Larksville Borough	4,101.76				
Wilkes-Barre Railway Corporation	1,500.00				
West Wyoming Borough	24,813.31				
TOTAL					41,415.07
From Municipalities for Special Elections:					
Black Creek Township	353.50				
Hanover Township	1,449.13				
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable:					
Loan to Probation Office	868.23				
Properties purchased for taxes	931.69				
Garnis Lyons	25.33				
Corrale Construction Company	49.53				
Mrs. W. G. Harding	533.23				
West End Coal Company	300.00				
1941 Field Artillery	25.35				
Kutz Bakery	119.33				
Luzerne County Institutional District	13,175.66				
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—Re: Lewis and McDonald	5,823.75				
Wilkes-Barre City	20.51				
Lake Township	21,889.61				
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts	10,094.80				
Due From Fee Offices:					
Fees collected during December, 1941, but not yet paid to County Treasurer:					
Charles J. Buffalo, Recorder of Deeds	1,476.60				
John B. Wallis, Jr., Treasurer	308.88				
John Shively, Register of Wills	2,146.62				
From Municipalities for Supplies and Use of Equipment:					
Avoca Borough	67.80				
Buck Township	50.05				
Courtdale Borough	683.80				
Conyngham Township	111.15				
Duryea Borough	85.34				
Edwardsville Borough	1,538.55				
Exeter Borough	61.75				
Fairview Township	111.80				
Freeland Borough	24.05				
Hughestown Borough	27.30				
Huntington Township	17.55				
Kingston Borough School District	42.90				
Kingston Borough	29.60				
Lake Township	600.00				
Larksville Borough	433.45				
Larksville Borough School District	912.30				
Larksville Borough	63.70				
Munkia Township	508.90				
Pittston City	3.80				
Pittston Township	36.40				
Plains Township School District	46.80				
Plains Township	128.10				
Plymouth Township	244.26				
Pringle Borough	78.65				
Rosetown Township	43.75				
Rosetown Township	18.20				
Rosetown School District	32.50				
Sugar Notch Borough	169.50				
Swoyerville Borough	17.35				
Warrior Run Borough	490.85				
White Haven Borough	96.08				
Wyalitown Borough	244.50				
Wyoming Borough	6.50				
Less Reserve for Double Accounts	6,725.78				
TOTAL ASSETS					1,000,494.92
RECAPITULATION					
Total Indebtedness			3,028,627.88		
Total Assets			1,000,494.92		
Net Indebtedness			1,963,132.76		
Total Valuation 1941 \$79,292,410.00					
Debt Limit (Commissioners) 2%			5,585,048.20		
Remaining Borrowing Capacity			3,621,915.44		
FIXED ASSETS					
Court House	2,000,000.00				
Warehouse	60,000.00				
Luzerne County Industrial School for Boys	300,000.00				
County Prison	340,000.00				
Airport	80,000.00				
Voting Machine Warehouse	25,000.00				
Holsa Farm (Kis-Lyn)	3,700.00				
Other:					
Plot opposite Court House	175,000.00				
Tubercular Hospital Site	20,000.00				
Road Machinery, Automobiles and Trucks	39,000.00				
Voting Machines	450,000.00				
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS					3,473,700.00
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES (General and Sinking Funds)					
Balances at Beginning of Year:					
General Fund	113,633.91				
Sinking Fund	1,508.25				
TOTAL BALANCES					115,142.16
Revenue Receipts:					
Taxes	1,792,551.95				
Licenses and Permits	144.00				
Fines and Forfeits	7,475.92				
Interest and Rent	10,458.78				
Departmental Earnings	132,203.85				
Other Revenue	809.59				
Miscellaneous Income	50,098.43				
Liquid Fuel Tax	463,203.51				
Total Revenue Receipts					2,397,064.11
Non-Revenue Receipts:					
Bonds	850,000.00				
Temporary Loans	1,950,000.00				
Transfers	623,994.97				
Other	20,199.05				
Total Non-Revenue Receipts					3,444,194.02
Total Receipts and Transfers					5,841,258.13
Grand Total Receipts, Transfers and Balances					5,956,418.29
Governmental Expenditures					
Administrative	856,383.73				
Judicial	416,318.53				
Corrections	249,986.22				
Highways	321,244.24				
Miscellaneous	52,141.36				
Interest—Temporary Loans	11,848.67				
Total Governmental Expenditures	1,908,102.75		187,784.30		2,095,887.05
Non-Governmental Expenditures:					
Principal on Indebtedness	2,847,725.23				
Current Levy (1941)	623,064.87				
Other	5,963.90				
Total Non-Governmental Expenditures	2,977,854.10				
Total Expenditures and Transfers					5,073,741.15
Balances at End of Year:					
General Fund	257,345.92				
Sinking Fund	42,193.75				
Total Balances					299,539.67
Grand Total Expenditures, Transfers and Balances					5,373,110.82

Operation	Maintenance and Interest	Capital Outlay	Total
Administrative	856,383.73	138,422.19	994,785.92
Judicial	416,318.53	8,620.00	424,938.53
Corrections	249,986.22	249,986.22	499,972.44
Highways	321,244.24	40,742.11	361,986.35
Miscellaneous	52,141.36		52,141.36
Interest—Temporary Loans	11,848.67		11,848.67
Total Governmental Expenditures	1,908,102.75	187,784.30	2,095,887.05
Non-Governmental Expenditures:			
Principal on Indebtedness	2,847,725.23		2,847,725.23
Current Levy (1941)	623,064.87		623,064.87
Other	5,963.90		5,963.90
Total Non-Governmental Expenditures	2,977,854.10		2,977,854.10
Total Expenditures and Transfers			5,073,741.15
Balances at End of Year:			
General Fund	257,345.92		257,345.92
Sinking Fund	42,193.75		42,193.75
Total Balances			299,539.67
Grand Total Expenditures, Transfers and Balances			5,373,110.82
DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS GENERAL FUND			
Cash Balance, January 1st, 1941:			
General	113,633.91		113,633.91
Revenue Receipts:			
Taxes	1,792,551.95		1,792,551.95
Real Estate	100.00		100.00
Current Levy (1941)	1,091,572.98		1,091,572.98
Previous Year (1940)	113,670.43		113,670.43