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ANNUAL REPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MILWAUKEE - WISCONSIN

FOR THE YEAR

1938

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The crime situation in Milwaukee remained practically unchanged in the year of 1938; some crime classifications showing a decrease, others a slight increase. There were 7 murders and one non-negligent manslaughter case, making a total of 8 criminal homicides for 1938. For 1937 there were also 8 criminal homicides with 4 murders and 4 non-negligent manslaughter cases. Complaints for assault and robbery numbered 51, an increase of 7 over the previous year. In 1938 there were 577 complaints of burglary, 482 in 1937, and 524 for 1936. The trend for auto thefts is just the opposite of burglaries with 543 complaints for 1938, 850 in 1937, and 532 in 1936.

Milwaukee again had the lowest motor vehicle fatality rate in 1938 (6.8 per 100,000) for all cities in the United States having a population of over 500,000 (Group 1), according to the National Safety Council. This represented a 38% decrease in motor vehicle fatalities over the previous year.

The radio station, which was located in the old Third District Police Station at N. 12th and W. Vine Streets, was moved to the new Third District Police Station at N. 47th and W. Vliet Streets on March 12, 1938. The old equipment, which had been in 24-hour daily service for eight years, is being completely overhauled and installed as an auxiliary system to guard against interruptions in service due to equipment failure. The installation of a fully automatic gasoline driven generating plant in June, 1938, provides for uninterrupted operation in the event of commercial power failure. The installation of a radio telegraph station operated on nine different frequencies in the interzone police service in May, 1938, permits the rapid and accurate interchange of police information between this department and Police Departments in other cities and states.

TABLE I-A

FORCE

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT - DECEMBER 31, 1938

<u>Rank</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Hdqtrs.</u>	<u>D.B.</u>	<u>Traf.Bur.</u>	<u>Vice</u>
Chief of Police	1	\$6500								1			
Inspector of Police	1	4200								1			
Dep. Insp. of Police	1	3700								1			
Capt. of Detectives	1	3560									1		
Capt. of Police	10	3240	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	
Lieut. of Detectives	3	2940									3		
Lieut. of Police	8	2790	2	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Detective Sergeants	8	2790									7		1
Detectives *	55	2640									55		
Desk Sergeants	22	2440	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			1	
Patrol Sergeants	59	2440	9	6	9	6	9	6	6	2		6	
Patrolmen (1st Year)	931	1800	186	77	109	92	151	78	89		22	121	6
(2nd Year)		1920											
(3rd Year)		2040											
(4th Year)		2100											
(5th Year)		2160											
Policewomen	<u>2</u>	2160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	1102		201	88	123	103	165	89	100	7	88	129	9

(*) One Detective assigned to City Attorney's Office.

TABLE I-B

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEC. 31, 1938

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>*1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Secretarial Bur.</u>	<u>Bur. of Identific.</u>	<u>Det. Bur. Cler. Div.</u>	<u>Traffic Bureau</u>	<u>Radio Bureau</u>	<u>Medical Bureau</u>
Supt. of Bur. of Id.	1	\$3240									1				
Secty. of Police	1	3060								1					
Ass't. Secretary	2	2640								2					
Police Rep. Stenog.	2	2040								1	1				
Senior Clk. Stenog.)	11 (1)	1680								3	1	2	5		
Senior Clerk)	11 (2)	1800								1	2	2	5		1
)	(3)	1860													
)	(4)	1920													
Photographer	1	2220									1				
Fingerprint Operator	1	2220									1				
Property Clerk	1	2220								1					
Police Physician	5	1060													5
Radio Engineer	1	3600												1	
Radio Operator	4	2160												4	
Radio Elec. Mech.	4	2800												4	
Chief Tele. Operator	1	2280	1												
Telephone Operator)	24 (1)	1980	13	5			6								
)	(2)	2040													
)	(3)	2100													
)	(4)	2160													
Matron	10	960	4	3	3										
Garage Supt.	1	2440	1												
Engineman & Mach.	1	2340	1												
Engineman & Mach. Asst.	2	2100	2												
Elevator Operator)	5 (1)	1440	5												
Janitor)	29 (2)	1500	23	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Automobile Washer)	2 (3)	1560	2												
)	(4)	1620													
Janitress	2	1140	2												
TOTAL	122		54	9	4	1	7	1	1	9	6	5	10	9	6

(*) Safety Building

TABLE II

CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH		ACTUAL STRENGTH		NET
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	GAIN OR LOSS
	:	:	:	:	:
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	:
Inspector of Police	1	1	1	1	:
Deputy Insp. of Police	1	1	1	1	:
Captain of Detectives	1	1	1	1	:
Lieut. of Detectives	3	3	3	3	:
Detective Sergeant	8	8	8	8	:
Captain of Police	10	10	10	10	:
Lieutenant of Police	8	8	8	8	:
Detectives	56	56	55	55	:
Patrol Sergeants	59	59	59	59	:
Desk Sergeants	22	22	22	22	:
Patrolmen	932	932	932	931	1-
Policewomen	2	2	2	2	:
Supt. Bur. of Ident.	1	1	1	1	:
Secretary of Police	1	1	1	1	:
Assistant Secretary	2	2	2	2	:
Police Reporter-Stenog.	2	2	2	2	:
Senior Clerk Stenog.	9	11	9	11	2/
Senior Clerk	11	11	11	11	:
Photographer	1	1	1	1	:
Fingerprint Operator	1	1	-	1	1/
Property Clerk	1	1	1	1	:
Police Physician	5	5	5	5	:
Radio Engineer	1	1	1	1	:
Radio Operator	4	4	4	4	:
Radio Electrical Mech.	4	4	4	4	:
Chief Telephone Operator	1	1	1	1	:
Telephone Operator	24	24	24	24	:
Matron	10	10	10	10	:
Garage Superintendent	1	1	1	1	:
Automobile Washer	1	2	1	2	1/
Engineman & Machinist	1	1	1	1	:
Asst. Engineman & Mach.	2	2	2	2	:
Elevator Operator	5	5	5	5	:
Janitor	24	29	24	29	5/
Janitress	2	2	2	2	:
TOTAL	1218	1226	1216	1224	8/

Jurisdiction of parks transferred to Police Department January 1, 1937

TABLE II-A

CHANGES IN POLICE PERSONNEL DURING 1938

1. Present for duty, January 1, 1938.....	1216
2. Recruited during the year.....	42
3. Reinstated during the year.....	<u>0</u>
TOTAL.....	1259
4. Separations from the service:	
(a) Voluntary resignations.....	6
(b) Retirement on Pension.....	16
(c) Resigned with charges pending.....	0
(d) Dropped during probation.....	0
(e) Dismissed for cause.....	6
(f) Killed in line of duty.....	0
(g) Deceased.....	<u>6</u>
5. Total Separations during the Year.....	34
6. Present for Duty, December 31st, 1938.....	1224

TABLE III

REPORT OF THE POLICE PHYSICIANS

1. Number of cases of sickness and injury of members and employes of the department	-	757
2. Number of days lost by members and employes as the result of sickness and injury	-	10,172
3. Number of Special medical examinations	-	1,484
4. Special examination -- applicants for patrolman	-	0

TABLE IV
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
1938

OFFENSE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	1938 Total	1937 Total	1936 Total
1. Criminal Homicide:															
(a) Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	2	1	0	10*	9	9
(b) Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	5
2. Rape	3	1	2	1	0	4	4	6	3	1	5	2	32	49	38
3. Robbery	2	4	4	3	6	5	3	6	5	4	2	7	51	44	30
4. Aggravated Assault	1	4	6	4	6	4	5	10	2	4	5	6	57	55	65
5. Burglary	40	50	57	65	46	38	40	39	51	50	56	45	577	482	524
6. Larceny															
(a) \$50 & over	10	22	18	22	25	12	24	20	32	21	22	25	253	237	230
(b) Under \$50	314	306	325	398	380	321	364	353	370	466	397	366	4360	4154	3341
7. Auto Theft	55	40	43	53	59	36	31	43	48	58	39	46	543**	850	532
TOTAL	425	427	457	548	522	426	471	478	511	607	528	497	5889	5888	4774

(*) Two "Justifiable Homicides" included in this total - See Page 21.
 (**) Eight unfounded complaints in monthly tabulations - not included in total.

TABLE V
ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1938

PART I CLASSES:

	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Criminal homicide	
(a) Murder and Manslaughter.....	9
(b) Manslaughter by negligence.....	6
2. Rape.....	100
3. Robbery.....	50
4. Aggravated assault.....	51
5. Burglary--breaking or entering.....	204
6. Larceny--theft (except auto theft).....	435
7. Auto theft.....	<u>65</u>
TOTAL.....	920

PART II CLASSES:

8. Other assaults.....	364
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting.....	148
10. Embezzlement and Fraud.....	384
11. Stolen property--buying, receiving, possessing.....	19
12. Weapons--carrying, possessing, etc.....	29
13. Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	209
14. Sex offenses (except Nos. 2 and 13).....	346
15. Offenses against the family and children.....	184
16. Narcotic drug laws.....	5
17. Liquor laws.....	116
18. Drunkenness.....	5436
19. Disorderly conduct.....	2113
20. Vagrancy.....	827
21. Gambling.....	190
22. Driving while intoxicated.....	658
23. Violation of road and driving laws.....	16772
24. Parking violations.....	23348
25. Traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	491
26. All other offenses.....	<u>757</u>
TOTAL.....	52396

TOTAL ARRESTS (Part I & II Classes).....	53316
28. Suspicion.....	<u>3073</u>
GRAND TOTAL.....	56389

TABLE V-A

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS

1938

	<u>STATE</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>CITY</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>MISC.</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	388	3246	42	3676
February	298	4317	29	4644
March	424	4748	61	5233
April	343	4411	35	4789
May	313	4376	39	4728
June	299	3925	41	4265
July	335	3296	56	3687
August	398	3617	37	4056
September	409	3615	33	4057
October	379	4607	40	5026
November	392	4043	34	4469
December	<u>359</u>	<u>4295</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4686</u>
TOTAL	4337	48496	479	53316

TABLE VI
AGE OF PERSONS ARRESTED

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Between 17 and 21 years	-	3315
Between 21 and 30 years	-	16131
Between 30 and 40 years	-	16196
Between 40 and 50 years	-	11162
Between 50 and 60 years	-	4851
Between 60 and 70 years	-	1413
Between 70 and 80 years	-	241
Between 80 and 90 years	-	7
Between 90 and 100 years	-	—
TOTAL		53316

SOCIAL CONDITION

Married		30529
Single		<u>22787</u>
TOTAL		53316

RACE

White		51776
Black		1379
Yellow		37
Copper		<u>124</u>
TOTAL		53316

TABLE VII

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED

1938

Africa	13	Latvia	9
Albania	5	Lithuania	43
Argentina	9	Mexico	100
Armenia	14	Newfoundland	1
Arabia	1	Norway	132
Austria Hungary	802	Palistine	11
Australia	11	Persia	9
Bavaria	4	Poland	706
Belgium	31	Philippine Islands	12
Bohemia	29	Portugal	1
Brazil	4	Roumania	55
Bulgaria	10	Russia	807
Canada	217	Serbia	4
China	20	Siberia	2
Croatia	9	Sicily	7
Denmark	60	Slav	223
Egypt	1	South America	15
England	135	Spain	6
France	20	Syria	17
Finland	18	Switzerland	93
Germany	1564	Scotland	43
Greece	121	Sweden	122
Hawaii	2	Turkey	10
Holland	46	United States	47378
India	5	Ukraine	4
Ireland	92	Wales	9
Italy	247	West Indies	7
			<hr/>
			53316

TABLE VIII
AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

Thefts.....	148
Recoveries.....	133
Still Missing.....	15
Joy Rides.....	395
Total Thefts.....	543
Total Recoveries.....	528
Outside Cars Recovered.....	25
Total Value of Cars Reported Stolen..	\$196,335
Total Value of Cars Recovered	
(a) Local.....	\$191,475
(b) Outside.....	\$ 9,200
Percentage of Recoveries.....	97.2%

213 automobile thieves were arrested during the past year as compared with 298 during the year 1937 (including juvenile arrests).

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

There were 6,715 prisoners brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1938, as compared with 6,452 during the year 1937. These prisoners were fingerprinted, photographed, Bertilloned and recorded as follows:

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed, including 3 who were Bertilloned.....	1446	1479
Prisoners fingerprinted only.....	3187	3270
Prisoners brought to the Bureau who were identified as having been fingerprinted at the Bureau prior to 1937-1938.....	<u>1819</u>	<u>1966</u>
Total number of prisoners brought to the Bureau.....	6452	6715

Of the 1,966 prisoners who were identified as having previously been fingerprinted at our Bureau, 1,830, after being questioned at the Bureau, admitted their previous records here; however, additional fingerprints were taken of these prisoners to verify their criminal records. Of the 1,966 prisoners, 136 gave fictitious names and denied ever having been arrested before, but were identified through their fingerprints as having criminal records.

During the past year 330 identifications were made through fingerprints received by mail from police jurisdictions in other cities.

During the year the Bureau was called upon to fingerprint 24 unidentified bodies at the County Morgue, of which number 11 were identified through their fingerprints and 12 by relatives or friends.

The total number of prisoners handled during the year 1938 required the taking of 14,388 fingerprint cards, of which number 7,218 were sent to other bureaus of identification, 4,749 placed in our master fingerprint file, and the balance of 2,421 were placed in our duplicate fingerprint file.

In addition to the number of local fingerprints filed, this Bureau received 3,877 fingerprint cards from other police jurisdictions which were properly classified and placed in our file, making a total of 8,626 fingerprint cards added to our file during the year.

On 271 occasions during 1938 the Bureau was called upon to examine premises where crimes had been committed, with a view of obtaining fingerprints in an effort to establish the identity of the perpetrator; and in 147 cases objects were brought to the Bureau for examination by members of the Detective Bureau, making a total of 418 such cases. The total amount of time consumed by latent fingerprint work during the past year was 500 hours.

In connection with crimes where latent fingerprints were examined, many persons were eliminated as suspects after their prints were compared with those found. In 19 instances latent fingerprints were identified as being those of the complainant or some other person who had lawful access to the premises. However, in 9 instances positive identifications were made through latent fingerprints which resulted in the apprehension of the criminals.

**IDENTIFICATIONS MADE AT OTHER BUREAUS THROUGH
FINGERPRINTS CONTRIBUTED BY OUR DEPARTMENT**

In 1938 there were 5,619 fingerprint cards (1,479 photographed here for the first time, 870 with photographs of previous offenders, and 3,270 "roughs") sent

to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and 1,479 fingerprint records with photographs sent to each of the three other Bureaus, Identification notices containing 911 aliases were received from these bureaus, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice Washington, D. C.....	2118
State Department Of Public Safety, Bureau of Identification, East Lansing, Michigan.....	195
Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois.....	<u>4</u>
	2317

This department also received identification notices of subjects arrested in other jurisdictions during the year who have been fingerprinted by this department previous to January 1, 1938, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.....	2115
State Department of Public Safety, East Lansing, Mich.....	195
Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification, London, Ohio.....	186
Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Chicago, Ill.....	<u>3</u>
	2499

During the past year this division made 14,533 photographic prints as compared with 15,859 for the previous year. Following is a detailed tabulation of the work performed during the year 1938 as compared with 1937:

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
New prisoners photographed.....	1446	1479
Copies of new prints.....	5890	4437
Prints for Bertillon file.....	64	3
New Photos of formed offenders.....	239	830
Photos sent to other jurisdictions.....	2475	1528
Photos of murder scenes.....	206	143
Photos of fatal accidents.....	417	431
Extra photos for special investigations.....	587	530
Photos of fingerprints at scenes of crime.....	607	706
Replacements for Criminal Gallery.....	81	9
Photos of members and employes of the department, both old and new.....	105	47
Photos made for newspapers.....	140	44
Miscellaneous photos (persons wanted for crimes, missing persons, unidentified persons, etc.).....	1238	1493
Photostatic copies of miscellaneous matter.....	3741	4289
Photos for Immigration Department.....	19	18
Photos for U. S. Internal Revenue Department.....	50	25

To assist members of the department in the preparation of cases of local prisoners who had previous records, this Bureau, at the request of such officers, compiled and typed 679 criminal records on official stationery for introduction in court. In addition to this figure, 458 records, previously compiled, were furnished officers, making a total of 1,117 records used for presentation in our criminal courts in aiding the prosecution and disposition of cases before such courts.

During the past year, 1,901 handwriting cards were filled out by prisoners. These cards, together with photostatic copies of checks, anonymous letters, etc., are classified, indexed, and filed according to the Lee and Abbey system of classification. There were 2,390 such cards and photostatic copies added to the file during 1938, making a total of 23,239 handwriting specimens now in this file. During the year there were 2,589 index cards filled out and filed alphabetically in connection with the handwriting specimens contained in this file.

The results obtained from questioning prisoners at the Bureau of Identification who had not previously been fingerprinted at the Bureau were very gratifying; 67.6 per cent of such prisoners admitted previous arrests for felonies and misdemeanors. These admissions were written in our record books and carefully checked when compiling records of such prisoners.

Of the total number of prisoners, 6,715 brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year, 3,761, or 56 per cent, were found to have previous fingerprint records.

Of the 1,476 such prisoners who were photographed by this Bureau during the year for the first time, 756, or 51.2 per cent, were reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as having criminal records elsewhere.

The 2,226 transients, arrested were brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1938 and 1,126, or 50.7 per cent were reported as having previous criminal records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

W.P.A. PROJECT NO. 8209

A W.P.A. Project was established in the Milwaukee Police Department in June, 1938, for the purpose of:

1. Creating a single fingerprint file with the prints classified according to the Battley System.
2. Extending the classification of the regular ten-print cards, according to the Renoe Extension, of all fingerprints taken prior to 1932.

The personnel on this project consisted of 1 supervisor, 8 senior clerk classifiers, and 2 junior clerks. From July 7, 1938 to December 31, 1938 the men assigned to this project completed the following work.

- 1,913 Sets of fingerprints for Battley file.
- 2,521 Corrections on fingerprint cards to coincide with the new F.B.I. interpretation of the Henry System.
- 5,256 Fingerprint classifications extended according to the Renoe System.
- 14,018 Total number of fingerprint cards checked.

A part of the project is devoted to the cataloging of books and library material in the possession of the department and a revision of the personnel records.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 11,623 complaints and 4,495 letters and communications, interviewed 8,508 prisoners and witnesses, and 226 verbatim statements were taken.

The pawn division of the Detective Bureau, which compiles descriptions of property stolen and checks them against the daily reports submitted by the pawnshops, aided in recovering property valued at \$11,505 in 77 cases.

MISSING PERSONS

In 1938 a total of 920 persons were reported missing locally, of which all but 29 have been reported located. Fourteen of these still missing are males and fifteen are females.

Of the males missing locally, 5 are wanted on warrants or on capias issued by various courts.

Of the females missing locally, 3 are girls who escaped from the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls and one is a girl wanted on a Juvenile Court capias. In one case a young woman was reported missing by her foster father who lived in another city. He came to Milwaukee in search of his daughter whom he had not heard from for a year and a half, but being unable to find her, reported her missing to this department. Another woman had been discharged from the House of Correction two years previous and when her husband was released from the Wisconsin State Penitentiary, he was unable to locate her and reported her missing.

39 reports of persons missing from other jurisdictions were received by this department.

VICE SQUAD

There were 126 complaints relative to vice conditions in the city investigated by the Vice Squad during 1938. Other investigations included 55 complaints for gambling, 5 fortune telling, and 13 for liquor violations. The squad made a total of 854 arrests.

POLICE RADIO

The police radio system has now been in operation for eight years. The city is divided into 19 uniform radio squad car districts, and 14 radio motorcycle beats. Besides this there are twelve Detective Bureau radio squad cars, and one Traffic Bureau special investigation squad car. The Department has a total of 114 mobile units radio equipped - 56 cars and 58 motorcycles, and 1 police boat.

Police radio has expanded rapidly in the last few years in Wisconsin and fifteen counties representing over half the population of the state now have installed police radio stations. These stations have formed a voluntary network which has proven very valuable in spreading alarms. In two instances, persons, both of whom had committed a murder in Milwaukee, were apprehended by deputy sheriffs in Racine County; they had received such information on their short wave mobile radio receivers.

The radio shop provides a 24-hour maintenance service for the radio equipped vehicles of the department. During the year the shop built and installed 25 receivers in cars and dismantled 25 receivers which were in old cars that were replaced. The shop is constantly experimenting and improving these receivers, and they have proven more efficient and cost less than the commercial receivers on the market.

REPORT ON OPERATION OF RADIO STATION
WPDK AND SQUAD CARS - 1938

<u>Month</u>	<u>Radio Dispatches</u>	<u>Orders</u>		<u>Runs</u>	
		<u>City</u>	<u>County & Suburbs</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County & Suburbs</u>
January	7188	4488	1120	2595	458
February	6666	4216	1052	2320	415
March	7456	4669	1170	2483	453
April	7720	5150	1206	2866	470
May	8095	5163	1433	2844	543
June	8159	5172	1479	2863	612
July	8626	5600	1562	3164	641
August	8968	5987	1639	3354	704
September	8324	5564	1422	3095	575
October	8487	5712	1456	3144	644
November	7805	5145	1226	2927	469
December	<u>7963</u>	<u>5207</u>	<u>1163</u>	<u>2835</u>	<u>491</u>
	95457	62073	15928	34490	6475

TABLE IX

ARRESTS MADE BY RADIO SQUAD CAR CREWS

Homicide.....	4
Rape.....	14
Robbery.....	8
Aggravated Assault.....	19
Burglary.....	41
Larceny.....	92
Auto Theft.....	21
Other Assaults.....	148
Forgery.....	9
Fraud.....	33
Sex Offenses.....	96
Abandonment.....	12
Drug Laws.....	2
Liquor Laws.....	3
Drunk.....	1642
Common Drunk.....	85
Drunk and Disorderly.....	1153
Disorderly Conduct.....	861
Vagrancy.....	131
Gambling.....	9
Oper. Auto While Intox.....	356
Reckless Driving.....	283
Speeding.....	3994
Misc. Traffic Violations.....	1461
Parking.....	1912
Auto License Laws.....	66
Federal Laws.....	2
Misc. Laws and Ordinances.....	161
Suspicion.....	170
Juveniles.....	<u>953</u>
 TOTAL.....	 13741

TABLE X
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

1938

KIND OF SERVICE	DISTRICTS							TRAFFIC BUREAU	TOTAL
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
Accidents investigated	3035	1301	2305	948	2310	1171	1726	3822	16618
Ambulance calls	2633	1044	-	873	1355	370	-	-	6275
Complaints investigated	5797	3940	6197	4212	6820	3128	3790	228	34112
Defective streets and sidewalks reported	2815	2450	4703	2194	4566	1415	5136	-	23279
Destitute persons cared for	8	128	-	2	-	-	-	-	138
Doors reported open	627	390	489	229	589	207	453	-	2984
Drowned bodies recovered	8	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	12
First aid rendered	285	1078	88	932	453	49	79	-	2964
Insane persons taken into custody	14	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	20
Letters and communications investigated	17155	13674	14115	9775	12283	10751	12635	1038	91426
License applications inv.	2575	1189	1391	857	1613	961	1296	-	9882
Liquor law investigations	937	1700	1727	599	2118	522	676	-	8279
Lodgers accommodated	245	358	19	83	23	129	38	-	895
Lost children restored	299	182	162	84	141	37	239	-	1144
Official letters delivered	93906	23473	36756	17493	42648	21457	35279	262	271274
Official notices served	9763	3150	2150	4116	2179	806	1862	-	24026
Patrol wagon calls	4684	1420	1394	760	1256	1029	901	-	11444
Persons rescued from drown'g	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Persons reported missing	420	111	84	83	194	43	110	-	1045
Sick and injured conveyed	3072	1217	154	932	1449	86	160	-	7070
Summonses to Traffic Bureau								19955	19955

HOMICIDES

MURDER

MRS. ELSA WOLF, 46, killed in her home at 838 N. 22nd Street., on April 9, 1938, between 11:00 A. M. and 11:40 A. M., by her husband, Oswald, age 59, who crushed her skull with several hammer blows; then made futile suicide attempts. Oswald Wolf, meat market proprietor, arrested April 12th; sentenced July 1st to life imprisonment in Wisconsin State Prison for Murder, first degree. Cleared.

MRS. HEDWIG SMITH, age 51, of 2755 N. 15th Street., murdered in her home about 7:30 P. M., June 4, 1938, by Richard Brown, age 53, a roomer at the same address. After shooting Mrs. Hedwig Smith with a 32-calibre revolver, Richard Brown then committed suicide by shooting himself through the left temple. Cleared.

JOHN THOMAS (COL.), age 60, of 437 W. Vliet Street, disembowled and cut in left shoulder with a pocket knife by John Douglas Bryant (col), age 42, at the above address about 12:30 A. M., June 9th, 1938, in an argument over Lily Mae Jackson (col); died at the County Emergency Hospital at 5:58 A. M., June 12th. John Douglas Bryant (col), age 42, of 931 W. Vliet Street, arrested June 9th; sentenced June 14th to 7-14 years, Wisconsin State Prison on conviction of Murder, third degree. Cleared.

MARY ALLEN (COL), age 32, of 931 W. Vliet Street, shot and killed at this address by Roy Johnson (col), age 37, also of this address; occurred about 7:45 A. M., June 12, 1938. Roy Johnson (col) fled after the shooting but was apprehended about noon of that day driving south on Highway 41 in Racine County by the Sheriff's officers of that County; he was returned here the same day. Sentenced July 1st to life imprisonment in Wisconsin State Prison for Murder, first degree. Cleared.

MRS. ANNA BRODOWSKI, age 54, of 1220 W. Burnham Street, thrown from a third-story window of a bedroom at this address about 10:45 P. M., June 16, 1938, by her husband, Chester Brodowski, after an argument. Injuries sustained in this fall proved fatal on June 29th. Chester Brodowski, age 53, the husband, arrested June 16th; sentenced July 9th to 7-14 years, Wisconsin State Prison on conviction of Murder, third degree. Cleared.

Body of VALENTIN HELLER, age 63, found about 10:15 A. M., August 22, 1938, near boxcar on 9th track east from S. 44th St., 5th track west from Menomonee River, about 150 feet south of extension of Soldiers' Lane or about 700 feet south of the Electric Company Rapid Transit Line. Death due to stab wound in chest, severing arteries near the heart, and causing internal hemorrhages. Medical opinion estimates that this man had been dead for about 24 hours, prior to the finding of the body. Uncleared to date.

MRS. GEORGIA CAMPBELL (COL), age 25, of 914-A W. Galena Street, killed at 9:15 P. M., November 27, 1938, at 1839 N. Ninth Street, by her husband, Henry Campbell (col), who cut her throat deeply with a razor, severing the jugular vein and windpipe. After a quarrel she had gone to her sister's home and refused to go home with him. Henry Campbell (col), age 42, arrested November 28th; sentenced December 17, 1938, to life imprisonment in Wisconsin State Prison for Murder, first degree. Cleared.

MANSLAUGHTER

JOHN KNUTOWSKI, age 64, 1820 S. 13th Street, died at 1:00 P. M., June 2, 1938, at the County General Hospital, from the effects of a skull fracture received when struck by a strange man about midnight, May 30, 1938, in front of 1820 S. 13th Street. George Carlson, 9020 W. Conrad Avenue, age 38, arrested June 2, 1938; claims that Knutowski apparently mistook him for somebody else, and attacked him provoking the fight which ensued and which ended in fatal injuries to Knutowski. Carlson sentenced July 26th to payment of \$500 fine and court costs on conviction of Manslaughter, fourth degree. Cleared.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

RICHARD BATTLES DAVIDSON, age 25, shot and killed by Acting Detective Louis A. Wagner, September 23, 1938, at about 10:22 P. M., at 610 N. 14th Street, as he fled in an attempt to escape arrest upon arrival of Acting Detectives Louis Wagner and Harry Cronce at his rooming quarters at the above address; such officers intent upon arresting him in connection with the murder of Mrs. Alberta Gollmar, age 69, which occurred in Baraboo, Wis., on September 22, 1938. Declared Justifiable Homicide at inquest of September 27, 1938.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, age 47, of 1936 N. 7th Street, found dead at his home on September 30, 1938. Death attributed to concussion of the brain and edema of the lungs, believed to have been caused by a fall during fight with nephew, Erving Kablitz, at 535 W. Reservoir Avenue, on September 26, 1938. Fight apparently provoked by Johnson. Ervin Kablitz, age 28, of 3903 N. 41st Street, arrested October 3rd. Declared Justifiable Homicide at inquest of October 4, 1938; defendant discharged by Coroner's jury. Cleared.

TABLE XI

DISTRIBUTION OF PLANT EQUIPMENT

	DISTRICT							GARAGE	TOTAL
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
Orig. Cost of Bldg. (not incl. land)	\$1,595,969	32,872	135,000	23,387	22,320	85,248	84,980		\$1,979,776
Year Built	1930	1892	1937	1904	1904	1927	1928		
Population of Dist. (Est.)	107,000	51,000	93,000	62,000	126,000	75,000	110,000		624,000
Area in Square Miles	4.92	2.89	7.22	5.97	7.40	5.61	10.16		44.17
Number of Ambulances	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1 spare	5
Number of Patrol Wagons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 spare	8
Number of Automobiles									
(a) With Radio	4	1	3	2	4	2	3	37	56
(b) Without Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--	--
Number of Motorcycles									
(a) With Radio	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	57	59
(b) Without Radio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Number of Police Signal Boxes	207	93	183	129	188	112	200	--	1112
Signal Boxes (With Lights)	176	66	92	23	50	38	59	--	504
Number of Burglar Alarm Stations	20	4	-	-	3	-	--	--	27
Police Motor Boats	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	--	1
Other Mechanical Equip.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 truck	1

TABLE XII-A

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS BY MONTHS

FOR FIVE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1938

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>Percent Increase or Decrease</u>			
						<u>1935 over 1934</u>	<u>1936 over 1935</u>	<u>1937 over 1936</u>	<u>1938 over 1937</u>
January	896	979	1137	1342	1605	9	16	18	19
February	871	762	1042	1144	1099	12*	39	9.8	4*
March	715	899	737	1330	1125	25	18*	80	15*
April	789	717	873	1153	1078	8*	24.5	29	7*
May	897	799	1010	1349	1092	10*	25	33.5	19*
June	857	840	1030	1371	1076	1*	22.5	33	21*
July	795	814	1093	1501	1106	2	34	37	26*
August	826	833	1174	1460	1209	.8	40.9	24	17*
September	965	860	1205	1457	1139	10	40	20.9	18*
October	861	857	1293	1450	1135	.4*	50.8	12	22*
November	909	1000	1250	1584	1282	10	25	26	19*
December	<u>1077</u>	<u>1274</u>	<u>1692</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1581</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>32.8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19*</u>
	10458	10634	13536	17087	14577	1.6	27.3	26.2	34*

(*) Decrease

NOTE: The above total of 14,577 traffic accidents for 1938 includes 10,887 minor accidents which involve damages estimated at \$25 or less.

TABLE XII-B

ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE

Below is shown a tabulation setting forth the relative weight of the various causes over a period of five years:

	<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>				
	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1934</u>
Intersection Collisions	4436	5105	4006	3065	3115
Rear end Collisions	1682	2207	1657	1104	966
Violation of Law	730	961	864	694	844
Carelessness of Driver	4593	5133	4033	3045	2734
Condition of Vehicle or Road	872	905	645	615	359
Incompetency of Driver	69	93	41	33	33
To Avoid Another Accident	131	153	111	74	80
Children Playing in Street	666	798	695	661	822
Jay-walking or Running for Street Car	616	739	798	695	823
Crossing Street Through Traffic	68	72	78	44	43
Struck by Vehicle Turning Corner	104	156	143	120	68
Miscellaneous	610	773	465	483	570
Cause Undetermined	-	1	-	1	1
TOTAL	14577	17096	13536	10634	10458

TABLE XII-C

SUMMARY OF ALL ACCIDENTS BY NATURE AND CAUSE

Code No.	Description	Motor Vehicles	Street Cars and Trains	Pedestrians and Children	Miscellaneous	Total	Number of Injuries	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1938	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1937	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1936
1.	Intersection Collisions	4260	176	-	-	4436	835	188	213	234
2.	Rear End Collisions	1560	122	-	-	1682	231	137	111	133
3.	Violation of Law	537	29	68	96	730	331	453	352	347
4.	Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	4305	189	95	4	4593	337	73	90	104
5.	Condition of Vehicle or Road	530	88	41	213	872	167	191	219	253
6.	Incompetency of Driver	29	3	-	37	69	20	290	419	268
7.	To Avoid Another Accident	59	17	2	53	131	23	175	301	189
8.	Children Playing in Street	-	-	666	-	666	675	1013	1011	1014
9.	Jay-walking or Running for Street Car	-	-	616	-	616	628	1019	1008	1030
10.	Crossing Street Thru Traffic	-	-	68	-	68	70	1030	986	1064
11.	Struck by Vehicle Turning Corner	-	-	104	-	104	110	1058	1077	1091
12.	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	610	610	67	110	164	148
13.	Cause Undetermined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	-
	TOTAL	11280	624	1660	1013	14577	3494	240	253	289

TABLE XII-D

ANALYSIS OF FATAL AND NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS

	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons Killed						Number of Persons Injured					
	Total (A)	Fatal (B)	Non- Fatal (C)	Prop.* Damage (D)	All Ages (E)	0-4 (F)	5-14 (G)	15-24 (H)	25-64 (I)	65 & Over (J)	All Ages (K)	0-4 (L)	5-14 (M)	15-24 (N)	25-64 (O)	65 & Over (P)
1. TOTAL TRAFFIC	4495	46	3113	1336	46	3	3	1	24	15	3575	229	728	765	1637	216
2. MOTOR VEHICLE-Total	4298	41	2922	1335	41	3	3	1	21	13	3377	211	682	728	1564	192
3. Collision with pedestrian	1542	34	1500	8	34	2	3		17	12	1571	165	502	132	632	140
4. ..with other mot. veh.	1983	1	932	1050	1				1		1238	36	77	325	758	42
5. ..with R.R. train	7		5	2							6			2	4	
6. ..with electric car	158	3	71	84	3	1		1	1		96		2	30	61	3
7. ..with bicycle	253	1	233	19	1				1		235	4	88	128	15	
8. ..with horse drawn vehicle	7		3	4							3				3	
9. ..with fixed object	265	2	110	153	2				1	1	147	4	6	72	62	3
10. Non-collision	83		68	15							81	2	7	39	29	4
11. OTHER TRAFFIC-Total	197	5	191	1	5				3	2	198	18	46	37	73	24
12. R.R.-not with motor vehicle	1		1								1				1	
13. Elec. car-not with motor vehicle	91	4	86	1	4				2	2	89	4	6	11	50	18
14. Other veh.-not with motor vehicle	105	1	104		1				1		108	14	40	26	22	6

(*) Accidents in which total property damage was in excess of \$25.00.

TABLE XII-E

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS - TIME OF OCCURRENCE

Time	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage Only
1. 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	465	6	291	168
2. 6:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.	41	-	17	24
3. 7:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	139	-	93	46
4. 8:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	153	-	94	59
5. 9:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	139	3	80	56
6. 10:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	197	1	134	62
7. 11:01 a.m. to 12:00 noon	198	3	117	78
8. 12:01 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	216	1	145	70
9. 1:01 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	247	-	164	83
10. 2:01 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	243	3	149	91
11. 3:01 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	316	2	230	84
12. 4:01 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	378	-	291	87
13. 5:01 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	358	4	265	89
14. 6:01 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	301	4	229	68
15. 7:01 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	305	6	228	71
16. 8:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	215	6	164	45
17. 9:01 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	131	1	82	48
18. 10:01 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	158	2	100	56
19. 11:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight	126	2	90	34
20. Not stated	36	-	20	16

TABLE XII-F

DEATHS AS THE RESULT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

The following tabulation includes all deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents in public places within the city limits of Milwaukee.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Fatalities</u>
1928	113
1929	104
1930	90
1931	86
1932	86
1933	72
1934	66
1935	65
1936	70
1937	65
1938	41

(*) Report does NOT include:

- (a) Deaths resulting from accidents which occurred off the street, on private (home or industrial) premises.
- (b) Deaths from traffic accidents not involving motor vehicle, such as street car striking pedestrian, train striking pedestrian or horsedrawn vehicle, etc.

TABLE XII-G

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1927 up to and including 1938

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the County of Milwaukee</u>	<u>Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the City of Milwaukee</u>
1927	135,762	*
1928	146,720	*
1929	162,236	*
1930	162,099	*
1931	154,243	*
1932	142,159	113,821
1933	138,924	112,446
1934	151,316	122,295
1935	159,583	130,196
1936	179,432	147,322
1937	186,770	153,765
1938	181,587	147,106

O B I T U A R Y

EDWARD HOLM

Appointed patrolman August 9, 1910
Died February 27, 1938

JOSEPH ZAHARIAS

Appointed Patrolman September 27, 1923
Died May 21, 1938

JOHN DICKSON

Appointed patrolman - Park Police June 1, 1919
Appointed patrolman - Milw. Police Dept. Jan. 1, 1937
Died April 25, 1938

EMIL HERFORT

Appointed patrolman September 27, 1933
Died May 15, 1938

EDGAR GRIENKE

Appointed patrolman September 16, 1936
Died October 7, 1938

ALFRED HOERST

Appointed patrolman January 26, 1925
Died October 23, 1938