

VANDALS' BOOTY SLICED IN HALF, REALTORS SHOW

50 Per Cent Cut From 1931
Loss Predicted by Holmes.

Losses to Indianapolis property owners through vandalism will be reduced 50 per cent in 1932 compared with losses last year, due to efforts of police vandalism squads and an educational campaign conducted by the Indianapolis Real Estate board. Lawrence Holmes, executive secretary, predicted today.

Estimated loss and damage to property from theft of plumbing and lighting fixtures, destruction of woodwork for fuel, and malicious trespass has been reduced to \$5,000 monthly. During some months of 1931, loss ran as high as \$25,000 monthly.

With a loss estimated at \$100,000 this year to date, Holmes predicted that losses for 1932 would be approximately \$150,000 instead of \$300,000 as in 1931.

Cites Courts' Leniency

Assignment of two detective squads in March to searching out vandals and checking sale of stolen fixtures has been successful in reducing thefts, Holmes said. "Courts, however, have shown considerable leniency to first offenders and a number of suspended sentences have been given in cases where guilt was acknowledged."

Standing rewards offered by the board for information leading to arrest of vandals have been collected only in a few cases."

Malicious vandalism such as smashing windows, marking wall paper and scarring woodwork, committed mostly by children, practically has been eliminated, according to Holmes.

Losses in recent months have been from thefts of door and window screens from vacant property, and most of the screens were taken for use of the thieves rather than for sale, according to the board's records.

City Merchants Co-Operate

Reduction in losses of siding and interior woodwork has been accomplished by establishment of wood yards where needy persons can obtain fuel.

Thefts of fixtures, such as electric light cords, chandeliers, faucets and pipe have resulted in damage to property nearly equal to amount of the loss, the board's records show.

Sale of fixtures from houses is becoming more difficult because of close watch of junk yards by detectives and co-operation of junk dealers, Holmes said.

JACK H. ROTH NEW PUBLIX CHIEF HERE

B. V. Sturdivant Resigns Post as District Theater Manager.

With resignation of B. V. Sturdivant as district manager of Skouras-Publix theaters here, Jack H. Roth, Circle theater manager, today took over the post.

The change in management was announced Thursday by Sturdivant who left for Florida.

A statement regarding his future plans will be made within the next few days, he said. It is believed he will operate a theater chain on the west coast.

Associated with Skouras-Publix for four years, Sturdivant had been in complete charge of the Indiana and Circle theaters, and the Indiana ballroom since last fall.

HONOR OLD MEMBERS

Pins for 20 Years in Auxiliary of Trainmen to Be Given Three.

Pins denoting twenty years membership will be presented Wednesday afternoon to three members of Indianapolis Lodge, No. 297, auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Recipients of pins will be Mrs. Grace Carpenter, Mrs. Estelle McCampbell and Mrs. Pauline Thorne. Presentation will take place at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Umbanhauer, 3368 North Sherman drive.

FIENTS IN POOL: SAVED

Garfield Park Swimmer Grabs Legs of Man as He Goes Down.

Apparently fainting while swimming in the Garfield park pool Earl R. Baier, 25, Connersville, probably owes his life to the fact that another swimmer came near him and he grabbed the legs of H. K. Law, 45, of 32 East Minnesota street.

Baier was taken from the pool by Sam Klezner, 25, of 1256 South Belmont avenue, life guard, and removed to city hospital.

MOTION PICTURES



WINE AT DINNER? SOON, MAYBE

U. S. Hotel Men Contract for Huge Orders in Europe

This is the third of a series of articles outlining probable consequences of repeal of the eighteenth amendment or liberalizing of the Volstead Act.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—All over the world the trade in wines is stagnant.

Champagne merchants in the wine capitals are worried, and on the Cote du Rhone vineyard keepers gaze with no pleasure into hardwood vats full of stirring, rose-colored juice.

In Hungary a liter of Tokayer Ausbruch, the Tokay of good wines, goes over the counter at 50 hellers or 10 cents, and in Budapest scrub-girls use buckets of thin wine to wash the floors of hotels.

In Portugal the government has ordered the Lisbon restaurants to serve wine free like water. Last February, in the Prussian wine-land and in the Moselle region of Germany, dealers slashed prices merely to get barrels emptied for the new wine.

In Mitteleuropa champagne never has been so cheap. In sections of Germany a bill for wine comes to less than a bill for beer.

It is possible buy sparkling, almost premier, champagne in the suburbs of Paris for 76 cents a bottle. A glass may be had in bars from the Etoile to Montmartre for 16 cents.

The municipal council in Rheims has found it necessary to vote an appropriation of \$2,000 to help finance a drive to make champagne popular.

News comes from Strasbourg that this year's Rhine wines will be classed "of the Crisis Vintage."

And in the United States?

IN Manhattan the trade in wines has picked up. Confident that the Volstead act soon will be modified or the eighteenth amendment repealed and that the rush for fine wines will skyrocket the prices, Bertram Weal, managing director of the Madison hotel, is in Berlin buying up options on some of the finest and oldest stocks in Europe.

From Berlin the optimistic Mr. Weal will go to Paris and establish an office in which he will confer with the principal wine purveyors on the continent.

He is the first American hotel man to make a wine-buying trip to Europe, in more than a decade.

And he is not the only wine optimist in Manhattan.

This week, in a bottle-cluttered Broadway office Louis H. P. Mouquin, ebullient grandson of the 96-year-old Henri Mouquin, signed his name to three orders commanding A. Magnier of Cognac and Neuchatel of Switzerland and H. Stegerwald of Bordeaux to buy and hold 300,000 gallons of assorted wines for Mouquin, Inc.

Mouquin, youngest member of the most famous wine house in the United States, now holds a total of more than 1,000,000 gallons of wine under paid orders in readiness for the better days that are, it seems, to come.

On the same day he placed his last orders his father, Louis C. Mouquin, returned from Europe.

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The fortified wines, such as port and sherrys, run over 20 per cent. The Volstead act permits beverages of only one-half of one per cent, and it is not likely that this stern stipulation will be modified to more than 5 per cent—a stingy action which will benefit only the brewers.

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And so the wine trade picks up in Manhattan.

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