

act of verifying the tag number. A week later, Lewis committed suicide when about to be arrested by the sheriff at Brushy Fork, W. Va. Boyd was arrested in Orlando, brought to this city, tried and convicted in the Criminal Court on the charge of robbery, and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary. Forbes has not been apprehended.

Twenty-one members were highly commended for specially meritorious service, and two hundred and twenty-five received commendation for outstanding work during the year.

In fifty-six cases it was found necessary to try members for violating the rules and regulations of the Department.

Courses in the use and care of revolvers were continued and as a result, one hundred and eighty-four qualified as experts, two hundred and seventy-nine as sharpshooters, two hundred and eighty-seven as marksmen, and two hundred and seventy-two as first-class men. Decorations were awarded in accordance with the ratings obtained.

The total arrests for all offenses were 102,741,—12,549 less than the preceding year. The decrease is accounted for mainly in arrests for violation of motor vehicle laws and traffic regulations. You will observe also that arrests for assault, disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct show a slight increase, while cases of drunkenness have decreased. 22,332 arrests were made for recklessly operating motor vehicles, exceeding the speed limits, and other rules governing the safe operation of vehicles. A comparison of offenses of serious character reported in 1933 with the number in the previous year, discloses the following:

Offense	1933	1932	Increase	Decrease
Aggravated Assault	130	117	13	
Murder.	51	64		13
Rape.	59	45	14	
Larceny (exclusive of automobiles).....	3,748	3,933		185
False Pretense	555	775		220
Embezzlement.	68	58	10	
Robbery.	143	172		
Robbery—Hold-ups.	242	213		
Robbery—Pocketbook Snatching.	121	105		
	506	490	16	
Burglary (forced)	1,391	1,298		
Burglary (duplicate key) ..	231	309		
Burglary (sneak)	656	864		
	2,278	2,471		193
Forgery.	38	30	8	
Totals.....	7,433	7,983		