

The only unsolved crime classified as murder is recorded in the case of Stephen Cuneo, who, on the night of July 29th, was found in an unconscious condition on East Falls Avenue. Early in the evening, he was observed with three other men, all addicted to drinking denatured alcohol, and his death, which occurred the following day, caused by a fractured skull, was probably due to a drunken brawl, or was the result of an accident.

Ten (10) cases of homicide occurred which have not been included in the above report, due to circumstances involved, and considering also that the defendants were exonerated by the Coroner.

The operation of motor vehicles over streets and highways of the city caused the death of 130 persons, and 21 were fatally injured by street and railroad cars. Vehicles caused injury to 5,959 persons.

During the early part of February, Mrs. Gladys E. Lessner, who had instituted action for divorce in Circuit Court No. 2, during testimony, stated that certain members of this Department had, on certain occasions, improperly accepted money and merchandise from her husband, Charles Lessner. This statement was given wide publicity and resulted in a public hearing being conducted in which I was assisted by the Honorable William P. Lane, Attorney General, and Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor, State's Attorney. During the inquiry, Mrs. Lessner and others were provided an opportunity to present evidence, which, if proved, would have resulted in charges being preferred against those whom the evidence directly incriminated. Mrs. Lessner made the same declarations as previously uttered in Court, but Mr. Lessner and the Officers mentioned in the complaint, under oath, contradicted her statements. The inquiry began February 21st, was resumed on February 23rd, then adjourned for the purpose of considering the testimony and to afford an opportunity for presentation of additional evidence.

No additional evidence was obtained and the uncorroborated testimony presented at the inquiry was decidedly vague as to time and location of the alleged transactions. Considering also that the statements of Mrs. Lessner, based mainly on hearsay, were emphatically contradicted by her husband and all Officers named in the proceedings, it was decided that the evidence was insufficient to warrant any action in the matter.

On June 1st, a group of Maryland citizens,—Dr. Leon R. Saiontz, Chairman—presented a memorial plaque to the Balti-