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LUCAS COUNTY
TOLEDO, OHIO

CHILD DELINQUENCY STATISTICS

Along with most communities Lucas County experienced a falling off in delinquency in 1944, from which it appears that the peak was probably reached in 1943 throughout the country. Our all-time high was 1991 cases handled in 1943; last year's total was 1726, a drop of 16.5%.

The peak for the year was hit in the month of March with 186 cases. May and October followed with 172 and 170 cases respectively. This follows the usual pattern of a peak in the spring and again in the fall.

The more serious offenses against property, mainly auto theft and burglary, showed little change. The same was true of our offenses.

The median ages for children brought before the court in 1944 were: Boys, 15 yrs. 2 mos; Girls, 15 yrs. 6 mos.

Restitution for damaged and stolen property is recognized as having correctional value. During 1944 the court collected and disbursed to the owners \$6044.00 in restitution from the children brought before it. These payments were made by the children themselves who drew upon their savings or found employment to pay their obligations.

In our dealings with the families of the children we noted a greater degree of stability than had been present during 1943.

An unusually large number of children before the court in 1944 were out of school on work permits.

Many of our observations of previous years are substantiated by the findings of 1944 such as:

1. A large percentage of the children or their families have been known to other social welfare agencies before reaching court.

2. Almost every case of auto theft was made possible by the owner leaving his keys in the car.
3. More than half of the children committed their offenses in company with other children.
4. The largest single offense is petty larceny.
5. Only a small percentage of the children had any contact with the character building agencies of the city.
6. A remarkably small percentage of the children are church attendants.

As might be expected, war prosperity has raised the economic level of the families dealt with. Previously the majority of our children came from families of marginal or submarginal economic levels. This was not true in 1944. Many of our children came from homes of high financial status. In some instances where children repeated it was found that at their earlier court appearance the family was classified within the marginal or submarginal level but during 1944 this same family had a very substantial income--further evidence suggesting our perennial dictum that poverty as a causal factor in delinquency is apt to be over-emphasized.

TRAFFIC CASES

The year showed a considerable increase in the number of traffic violations by drivers under 18.

In the main the types of violations were relatively minor although the entire range was covered. The explanation for this increase is found in two situations: First, the increased number of teen-age children who have found employment, their large earnings making it possible for them to purchase their own cars; second, the relaxation of parental controls over the use of the family automobile. While violation of a traffic regulation renders the child technically a delinquent, our experience has shown that a traffic violation by a juvenile is just about as much or as little a symptom of real delinquency as breach of traffic law by an adult is an indication of the adult's criminality. Consequently, juvenile traffic offenses are generally treated more nearly like adult cases than any other type of juvenile offense. Since in keeping with the violation laws have been imposed and in proper instances licenses have been revoked.

January.....	35
February.....	16
March.....	12
April.....	23
May.....	19
June.....	27
July.....	23
August.....	21
September.....	13
October.....	4
November.....	5
December.....	1
	195

(We have not been furnished any explanation for the phenomenal decrease in arrests in the fall).

Table No. 1

DELINQUENCY BY THE MONTH

	White		Negro		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
January	76	15	12	6	111
February	57	20	9	9	95
March	77	31	22	15	135
April	64	26	23	7	119
May	67	36	19	10	132
June	55	29	20	8	112
July	78	20	16	4	108
August	66	27	11	6	110
September	52	19	9	2	82
October	67	15	22	7	111
November	55	21	9	2	87
December	58	15	6	15	94
	<u>786</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1328</u>

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Unlike previous years, the vacation period failed to produce a sharp decrease in delinquency. Part of this may be attributed to the fact that many children who had previously taken out-of-town vacations stayed home because of employment of parents, curtailment of travel, etc.; also, to absence or curtailment of the supervised recreation provided in recent summers when the delinquency curve dipped sharply downward.

Table No. 2

OFFENSES FOR WHICH IMPRISONED INTO CARE

	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
<u>Group I</u>					
Runaway	95	52	20	23	190
Runaway	10	57	6	12	185
Incorrigibility	50	41	7	10	108
<u>Group II</u>					
Auto theft	100	-	5	-	115
Larceny, all other	146	15	53	22	236
Burglary	100	-	16	-	116
Robbery and hold-up	2	-	3	-	5
<u>Group III</u>					
Reckless mischief	90	1	15	2	117
<u>Group IV</u>					
Sex offenses	31	33	4	5	73
<u>Group V</u>					
All other	102	13	26	31	172
	<u>755</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1397</u>

Table No. 3

DISPOSITION OF CASES

<u>Disposition</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
Pending	30	7	6	5	48
Restitution	32	1	4	-	37
Reconciled	2	2	-	-	4
Referred to Agency	33	34	3	2	62
Committed to other correctional school	9	25	1	-	35
Boarding home	36	7	8	3	54
Mass. Co. Children's Home, etc.	9	9	1	3	22
Probation to probation officer	388	108	74	74	600
SR or OR	13	15	15	3	36
OSR	13	-	4	-	17
Always retained	2	9	1	-	12
License suspended	4	-	-	-	4
Fined	9	-	-	-	9
To other court	1	6	6	-	13
Dismissed	10	2	2	1	15
Adjusted	6	30	13	17	66
Probation to individual	53	17	13	3	86
Other	53	10	41	4	108
	<u>786</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1326</u>

Table No. 4

AGE RANGE

	White		Negro		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
9 and under	28	8	14	2	52
10	37	6	9	3	55
11	31	5	7	4	47
12	65	16	15	6	122
13	71	33	14	11	129
14	220	36	29	16	301
15	174	31	32	23	259
16	241	63	33	10	347
17	99	30	20	14	163
18 and over	-	1	-	-	1
Report	20	5	-	1	26
	<u>785</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>1,325</u>

Median Age:	Total groups	15 yr 3 mo.
	White boys	15 yr 2 mo.
	White girls	15 yr 9 mo.
	Negro boys	15 yr 11 mo.
	Negro girls	15 yr 2 mo.

Table No. 5

REPEATERS

White		Negro		Total
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
205	46	99	15	325

There were 1157 different children in court during 1944, for a total of 1325 complaints. 832 had never been in court before; 325 were repeaters, or 25% of the total group.

29.1% of white boys were repeaters
19.7% " " girls " "
43.0% " negro boys " "
13.0% " " girls " "

This is the highest rate of recidivism since 1936,-- about a third higher than the past 7 years. The most obvious explanation is war-born lack of adequate personnel (both in the Probation Department and the Child Study Institute) to give the necessary supervision and treatment. As a corollary 1944 witnessed our highest rate of commitment to the industrial schools and state reformatory.

Table No. 6

SCHOOL ATTENDING

(Public)		(Parochial)	
Arlington	1	Blessed Sac	1
Auburndale	3	Central Cath.	13
Birmingham	14	Good Shepherd	3
Brambleton H.	12	Holy Rosary	7
Chase	11	Immac. Con.	6
Cherry	4	Nativity	7
Clay H.	1	Rosary Cath.	1
Clay Hill	1	Sacred Heart	1
Coy	6	St. Ann's	2
DeVaux H.	1	St. Anthony's	2
DeVillbiss H.	26	St. Catherine's	1
Dorr St.	2	St. Charles	2
East Side Central	6	St. Francis de	
Edgewater	3	Salon	4
Elmhurst	3	St. Hubert's	14
Franklin	3	St. Hyacinth's	2
Fulton	2	St. James	3
Garfield	16	St. Michael's	2
Glen	4	St. Patrick's	5
Glenale	2	St. Peter &	
Glenwood	6	Paul's	6
Graham	21	St. Stanislaus	9
Hamilton	7	St. Stephen's	3
Holland H.	4	St. Theresa's	5
Hopewell	1	St. Thomas	
Horse Park	2	Agnes'	3
Irving	1	St. Vincent de	
Jerusalem Church	3	Paul's	4
Jones Jr	27	Not attending	298
Lagrange	19	Unknown	119
Libbey H.	21	Attending out	21
Livonia	9		
McLueron	1		
McKinley	3		
Memphis	10		
Maplewood	1		
Marshall	9		
Mt. Vernon	1		
Manassas H.	6		
Mather Hall	1		
Navarre	3		
Nashbury	2		
Oakdale	15		
Old Orchard	1		
Parkland	12		
Parkland Craft	13		
Pickett	4		
Pt. Place	3		
Ragmar	7		
Richfield	1		
Riverside	7		
Robinson Jr.	60		
Roosevelt	15		
Scott	21		
Shannon	21		
Spring	7		
Stickney	6		
Sylvania H.	3		
Sumner	13		
Talby	4		
Union School	1		
Unit H.	16		
Walbridge	9		
Warren	11		
Washington	23		
Wassart	1		
Westfield	10		
Whitney H.	5		
Whitcomb	2		
Whitner H.	12		
Whittier	1		
Woodward H.	33		
Wynn School	3		
Private	4		
Other	17		

Table No. 7

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Table No. 7a

DECEASED

Pinewood	230
East Toledo	190
South End	135
Downtown	133
Collingswood	121
North End	98
Lagrange-Wickrey	89
Hebronia	71
West End	42
West Toledo	28
Washington Township	25
Sylvania Township	20
Oregon Township	19
Shanton Township	16
Springfield Township	24
Point Place	13
Adams Township	13
Lincoln	13
Waterville Township	5
Sturgeson	3
Hondleva Township	1
Hurdling Township	-
Providence Township	-
Highfield Township	-
Spencer Township	-
Out of County	6
Out of State	19
Not recorded	53
Total	<u>1321</u>

Table No. 1

SOURCE OF REFERRAL

<u>Source</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
Police	625	177	147	39	1008
Parent	33	21	4	4	62
School	101	56	19	29	205
Social agency	1	5	1	-	7
L.C.C.H.	-	-	-	-	-
Maybrook	-	-	-	-	-
Duella Cummings	-	3	-	-	3
Other Institution	1	1	-	-	2
Individual	4	4	1	-	9
Other	17	4	3	3	27
Probation Officer	4	1	-	-	5
	<u>786</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>1328</u>

Table No. 2

WHEREABOUTS WHEN REFERRED

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
With own parents	548	157	705
With father	42	21	63
With mother	128	91	219
With father & stepmother	36	13	49
With mother and stepfather	90	30	120
With relatives	39	25	64
Reformatory, Private Agency			
A Court	13	9	22
Institution	1	8	9
Other	23	19	42
No record	12	1	13
	<u>990</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>1364</u>

Table No. 10

CRIMES OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Commitments to					
Industrial Schools	109	69	67	143	146
Delinquents placed					
in foster homes	49	45	30	34	60
Repeaters	323	372	179	267	270
Sex offenses	76	79	14	57	67
Swearing	190	102	162	139	94
Traffic	195	163	68	113	84
Runaways	145	113	72	108	81
Religious mischief	113	217	32	70	85
Burglary	194	147	97	110	112
Auto theft	113	113	51	39	60
Larceny from					
stores, individuals, etc.	296	427	303	263	352

Table No. 11

OTHER CASES HANDLED BY THE COURT.

Dependency	603
Neglect	56
Contributing	174
Restudy	68
Child support	107
Miscellaneous	160
	<u>1368</u>

CHILDREN BORN OUT
OF WEDLOCK

Forty-eight bastardy complaints were filed in Juvenile Court in 1944; 54% were adjusted and jury trials avoided.

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Twenty-eight of the mothers were white, twenty negro.

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Fifteen of the girls were under the age of eighteen, i.e., of "juvenile court age", but only four of the group had prior contact with the court on delinquency complaints.

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Ten of the girls were seventeen; for 1944 this appears to be the "danger" age.

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Two of the girls were fourteen. The youngest alleged father was sixteen and the oldest, sixty-two.

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Twenty of the alleged fathers were married men; four were divorced and one was separated from his wife. Six of the mothers were divorcees.

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Thirty-five girls appealed to the court for assistance prior to the birth of their children, and thirteen following the birth.

BASTARDY CASES

Official (affidavit filed)
Unofficial (affidavit not filed)

1914
52
3

DISPOSITION OF BASTARDY CASES

Fled guilty at preliminary hearing
Affidavit withdrawn
Alleged father not located
Mother and alleged father married
Admitting birth of child or jury trial
Compensation effected
Pending

14
6
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Total

75

Table 1

HIGHT OF ADMISSIONS *

	1944			1943		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>
Boys	674	142	816	797	121	918
Percent	99.2%	12.5%	71.7%	66.3%	10.0%	76.3%
Girls	298	63	361	246	38	284
Percent	22.7%	5.6%	28.3%	20.5%	3.2%	23.7%
Total	<u>972</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>1177</u>	<u>1043</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>1202</u>
Percent	81.9%	18.1%	100%	86.8%	13.2%	100%

* Includes re-admissions of same child if he was received more than once during year.

Table 2

STATUS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED

	1944		1943	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Delinquent	992	87.2%	1078	89.7%
Dependent	140	12.3%	104	8.6%
For observation	5	.5%	20	1.7%
	<u>1137</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>1202</u>	<u>100%</u>

Table 1

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>
Total number of new children examined	300	397
Total number children examined	196	144
Unrecorded medical examinations	68	130
Number of daily treatments in clinic	1790	1000
Nutritional status of children:		
Good	70.1%	67.1%
Fair	17.8%	17.7%
Poor	12.1%	15.6%
General Health: (When admitted)		
Good	70.0%	61.8%
Fair	22.6%	18.6%
Poor	7.4%	19.6%
Percent having visual defects	13.7%	23.8%
Percent having dental defects	3.7%	53.9%
Percent positive Wassermann tests	1.3%	.06%
Percent positive T A T cultures	.00%	.06%
Percent having infected tonsils	15.0%	24.5%
Examinations (Prior to admission)		
Malinger	60.0%	75.5%
Nephritis	30.0%	27.7%
Pertussis	30.0%	13.9%
Number of pregnancies	5.	8.
Clinic cases (children not in detention examined)	30	30

Observations:

1. The past three years have shown a steady improvement in the nutritional status of children in clinic, which is a reflection of the improved economic status of the parents.
2. There was a sharp decrease noted in the number of children having physical defects readily correctible, such as diseased tonsils, uncorrected eye defects and dental caries. This would indicate that parents are in general spending their increased earnings to remedy health conditions of their children.

Table 2

AGE OF CHILDREN

	1944		1943	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
6 and under	65	5.6	46	3.9
7	19	1.7	12	1.0
8	21	1.9	23	2.1
9	39	3.1	44	3.8
10	58	5.2	50	4.3
11	94	8.3	65	5.6
12	102	8.9	95	7.9
13	246	22.3	172	14.5
14	242	21.7	230	19.8
15	242	21.7	237	20.2
16	101	8.9	124	10.7
17	51	4.5	63	5.3
18	1	.1	3	.3
	<u>1137</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1162</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Median Age (1943): 14.3

Median Age (1944): 14.3

Table 2

PERIOD OF RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN

	1944		1943	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 10 days	794	69.75	819	68.16
10 days to 1 month	232	20.45	284	23.75
1 month to 2 months	80	7.02	71	5.85
2 months to 3 months	21	1.84	20	1.71
3 months to 6 months	9	.81	8	.71
More than 6 months	1	.16	0	0.00
Total	1137	100.00	1202	100.00

Table 3

AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF CHILDREN
IN RESIDENCE

	1944		Total	1943
	Mean	Std. Dev.		Total
January	24	12	96	26
February	23	14	92	24
March	23	15	92	24
April	22	15	88	23
May	19	15	76	22
June	13	15	52	17
July	15	15	60	18
August	19	14	76	22
September	15	11	60	18
October	23	12	92	24
November	22	11	88	23
December	19	14	76	22

Daily average: 74. In 1943 it was 33.

Table 3

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS ADMINISTERED

<u>Name of Test</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>1943</u> <u>Frequency</u>
Revised Stanford-Binet, Form I	107	174
Revised Stanford-Binet, Form II	17	4
Woodward-Yellowish Adult and Adolescent Scales	70	14
Arthur Performance Battery	5	9
Cornell-Cox Performance Scale	2	7
Camp Intelligence Tests	24	28
California Test of Personality	93	30
Self Adjustment Inventory	3	0
Thematic Apperception Test	4	0
Word Association Test	10	0
Goodenough Non Reading Test	3	6
Miller Personality Sketches	12	2
Stanford Achievement Battery (10 tests)	19	3
Standard Arithmetic Test	2	0
Thorpe Diagnostic Reading Test	1	0
Stanford Reading Test	4	2
Thorpe Silent Reading Test	32	0
Minnesota Rate of Penetration Test	8	2
Revised Minnesota Paper Form Board	7	3
Minnesota Spatial Relations Test	11	0
Minnesota Assembly Test	1	0
I.R.T. Girls Assembly Test	1	0
Psychotic Questionnaire	1	0
Vineland Social Maturity Scale	6	0
Gray Owl Check Test	3	0
Sargent Check List of Competencies	1	0
Merrill-Palmer Scale of Mental Tests	0	0
Healy Picture Completion - I	0	3
Healy Picture Completion - II	0	2
Howe and Wood Board	0	1
Howe Cubes	0	1
Howe Block Design	0	3
Hinton-Paterson	0	1
Otis Arithmetic Reasoning Test	0	1
Total	<u>77</u>	<u>276</u>

Table II

INCIDENCE OF DEFICIENCY GRADES

<u>I. Q. Range</u>	<u>1944</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1943</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Classification</u>		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0 - 19	1	Idiot	0.3%	0.5%	
20 - 39	19	Imbecille	5.0%	7.9%	
40 - 59	26	Moron	12.5%	23.0%	
60 - 79	23	Borderline	11.3%	16.3%	
80 - 99	70	Mild Retard.	24.6%	15.5%	
100 - 119	79	Normal	26.9%	27.9%	
120 - 139	13	Superior	6.4%	7.9%	
140 - 159	4	Very Superior	2.0%	8.2%	
160 plus	1	High Genius or Genius	0.3%	2.4%	
<u>Total</u>	<u>303</u>		<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	

Median Intelligence Quotient: (1944) 84
 Incidence of Mental Deficiency (1943): 21.5%
 Incidence of Mental Deficiency (1944): 29.0%

Table I

THE PRIVILEGE SYSTEM

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
Number of children granted privileges	378	325
Number of privileges granted	2202	2320
% total population granted privileges	31.4%	27.03%
Number escapes while on privilege	4	5
Number major violations*	4	0
Number minor violations**	15	8
% non-violated privileges	99.16%	99.44%

* e.g., committing a delinquent act while on privilege.

** e.g., exceeding time limit, visiting hours, smoking, etc., while on privilege.

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