

# Fair's Lost Kids, Dinosaurs Traced by the Pinkertons



A 10-year-old boy in Queens recently wrote a poem entitled, "It's Fun to Be Lost."

He was voicing the sentiments of about 10,000 other youngsters who have had the good fortune to be lost at the World's Fair.

As his poetry stated, they enjoyed the games and food provided by "the lovely police-women" at the two shelters operated by Pinkerton's, Inc.

The facilities, part of the work done by the New York World's Fair Division of Pinkerton's, had 5,882 lost visitors last year, and that figure is fast being approached this year.

The youngest "client" was a six-month baby left in a car in a parking lot. Although the family was taking turns checking the youngster every half-hour, the Pinkertons found the child unattended and took it to a shelter. The parents were found and given a sharp reprimand.

The "rush hours" for lost ones are between 4 and 7 p.m. and most are claimed by the 10 p.m. pavilion-closing time. Sometimes runaway children have to be turned over to the nearest city police precincts.

Record-holder for getting lost is Joseph Mack, 7, of the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, who turned up at the shelters five times in 1964.

The two policewomen at each shelter have cared for as much as 20 children at one time.

Discussing the activities of the fair's Pinkertons, John Reidy, press relations chief, mentions that the division has the world's biggest parking area under its jurisdiction.

In addition, the Exhibitors Division supplies more than 1,000 special guards for 75 pavilions. Coleman J. Graham, Pinkerton's assistant general manager, is director

John J. Manning, former Nassau County FBI agent, is the executive official of the

Fair Division, and Robert A. Pinkerton, greatgrandson of Allan Pinkerton, who founded the world-famous force in 1850, tours the grounds two or three times a week to make sure that one of the company's biggest assignments is carried out successfully.

There have been no big robberies, although the prank theft of some small "dinosaurs" last June got a big publicity splash. Actually, an 18-inch bird and a four-foot animal were taken from the Sinclair exhibit, which contains some gigantic prehistoric creatures.

Three college boys threw the smaller beasts over a fence at Grand Central pkwy. They took their catch to Long Island, but when their haul was reported to be worth \$10,000, one of the boys became nervous and led police to recovery of the items. Since then, the bird was stolen again and never recovered.

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