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## Plumbers May Contest Legality Of Township's Plumbing Ordinance

Franklin's first plumbing code, passed last week by the Township Committee, may be the subject of a legal battle.

Several Township plumbers, not satisfied with the ordinance, approved by a 2-1 vote, have engaged Assemblyman William Oz-Azard as their counsel.

Edmund Jenkins of 589 Hamilton Street, unofficial spokesman for the dissident group, told The News that he and his associates are questioning the code because they do not think "a Township official can sit in and vote on a law which benefits himself." Mr. Jenkins said he asked Committeeman Charles Jackson, a plumber, to disqualify himself, when the hearings first began, a request which was not heeded. Mayor Joseph Staudt and Mr. Jackson voted for the measure, Committeeman Charles Secora dissenting.

### Reason for Vote

The committeeman said he voted on the code "as an elected representative" of the Township and "because I believe it will benefit Township residents."

Mr. Ozard, when questioned on the matter by The News, said he would have to check the code to see "if there is a conflict of interest and if it was written in the best interests of the community."

Mr. Jenkins also claimed this week that, of the three-man committee appointed by the governing body to prepare the ordinance "only one man" wrote it. "Robert Smith told me that except for the first meeting, he was not even called in on it."

Mr. Smith, in turn, declared he was present "at two or three meetings, after which there still some items which hadn't been settled." Two more meetings were held to settle these questions, and Mr. Smith could not attend one meeting, and was not

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## Peacos Concedes Calvo Victory

The election of Republican Casimiro Calvo over Democrat Michael Peacos for a three-year term on the Township Committee will not be contested after all, according to Arthur Meredith, Democratic County chairman.

The question of contesting the election came up when Mr. Meredith claimed that several absentee ballots had not been properly signed by the voter or stamped by a notary public.

"Contesting the votes would not do anything," he told The News. The effect would be to create a tie, even if the ballots were questionable. In that case, the Township Committee would appoint someone to fill the vacancy until next year. The results don't seem to warrant any action. The Committee is composed completely of Republicans.

On Election Night, the report in Municipal Building was that Mr. Peacos, with five absentee votes, had defeated his opponent, 1,920 to 1,919. The next morning it was found the Democrat had only two absentee votes, bringing his total down to 1,917 votes.

Action on the issue was postponed while Mr. Peacos recuperated from a mouth infection in the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Hospital.

### J & J SUBSIDIARY NAMES ECKELS SALES CHIEF

Theodore W. Eckels of Griggstown is the new sales manager of Eblison Inc., subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. Mr. Eckels, who has been employed by the manufacturing concern for 11 years, formerly was a salesman, sales training director, divisional manager and field sales manager.

### EDITORIAL ERROR

In this week's editorial, "The Line-up Is Changing," The News inadvertently states that only 2 1/2-million gallons a day would remain in the Delaware & Raritan Canal should Elizabethtown Water Company be granted permission to increase its daily withdrawal to 42,500,000 gallons a day. The canal has a withdrawal capacity estimated between 70 and 80 million gallons a day. The editorial page went to press before the error could be corrected.

## Franklin to Oppose Water Company Bid

### VOORHEES REPORTS ON POLICE ACTIVITIES

Police Chief Edwin Voorhees' report for November shows Township police traveled 6,688 miles on patrols and investigations, spent 916 hours on duty, and made 26 arrests and 133 investigations.

Franklin Township this week became the second community in this area to make a move against the Elizabethtown Water Company, which wants to boost its daily take from the Delaware & Raritan Canal to 42,500,000 gallons a day. North Brunswick's Township Committee went on record Monday opposing the firm's proposal.

Mayor Fred J. Hermann of North Brunswick declared his municipality, seeking ways to develop its own water supply, will ask for a conference with Franklin officials to discuss the subject.

Elizabethtown, which opposed the recent Chimney Rock referendum, now takes 22 1/2 million gallons daily from the canal and has petitioned the State Water Policy & Supply Council for permission to draw 20 million more.

To counteract the company's petition, Franklin's governing body is scheduled to make its own request for 15 million a day. Township Clerk Fred Bascom already has been instructed by the Committee to determine when the Elizabethtown proposal will come up for hearing.

Though Franklin does not have the facilities to provide all residents with water from the canal, the municipality will ask for the 15 million gallon allocation to meet future and present needs. Such an allocation, if granted, would necessitate a stand-by charge to the Township.

Total daily withdrawal from the canal is approximately 45

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 4-H work are presented to this year's winner, Joseph A. Wetzel of Neshanic, left, and Rudolph J. Skodacek of Griggstown by George Butler of Esso Standard Oil Co., and Harold N. Repals, right, Somerset County 4-H Club agent.

## Wetzel Winner of 4-H Scholarship

Joseph A. Wetzel of Wood Fern Road, Neshanic, is the 1955 winner of the Esso \$100 scholarship to Rutgers University for his record of outstanding achievement in 4-H work.

The youth was New Jersey 4-H poultry champion this year and attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago last week as a New Jersey representative. He specialized in poultry, sheep, and field crops.

Rudolph J. Skodacek of Griggstown, winner of the award in 1953, had his scholarship renewed for maintaining a good record in college. He won the original award for achievement in dairy-

ing and tractor maintenance.

The awards were given at a luncheon in the Rutgers Commons by George Butler of Elizabethtown, division manager of Esso Standard Oil Co., and Harold N. Repals, Somerset County 4-H Club agent.

## Youth Guidance Council to Request Bigger Appropriation for 1956

### MINISTER AND BROTHER REUNITED AFTER 24 YEARS

The Rev. Clifford G. Wooding, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Princeton, saw his brother, George, who now lives in Boston, for the first time in 24 years at a recent family dinner in the minister's home.

The brothers were separated when George Wooding began traveling around the country in 1931.

In celebration of the event, the elder Mr. Wooding, who is 71, gave the minister one dollar for every year they had been apart. The two men and another brother and sister in Pennsylvania are the only remaining members of a family of 17.

### EAST MILLSTONE SCHOOL PLANS YULE PROGRAM

Teachers and pupils in the East Millstone school are planning a Christmas assembly program for Dec. 22. Mrs. Ingrid Brokaw and Mrs. Pricilla Allen are in charge.

The Youth Guidance Council will ask the Township Committee to increase the group's \$4,000 appropriation to \$6,500 in the Committee's 1956 budget.

The request was decided upon at a meeting Nov. 23 in Township Hall. The Council's next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Municipal Building.

Council member Mrs. Salvatore Pappalardo told The News this week that the group wants to hire at least 10 high school graduates or college students at from \$25 to \$35 weekly to act as part-time Summer counselors.

An increased appropriation also would enable the Council to increase program director Michael Bodzari's annual salary from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The group is still interested in having areas behind Kingston, Phillips, Middlebush and Pine Grove Manor schools black-topped, so they can be used for recreational purposes. Also on the Council's program is a basketball tournament, and school dances, sponsored in conjunction with the PTAs.

## Freeholders to Provide Funds in '56 For Additional Probation Officer

Funds for a full-time probation officer to handle juvenile cases will be included in the 1956 County budget, but the shortage of qualified personnel for the job is causing a problem. That's what Robert L. Adams, director of the Board of Freeholders, told an inquiring PTA representative Friday at the board's regular weekly meeting.

Mrs. Paul Tensel, chairman of the Somerset County PTA action committee, who asked what steps the board is taking to have a juvenile case officer added to the County Probation Office, was told the decision to hire someone rests with the County Court.

John A. Morhart, Chief of the Probation Office, has told The News he intends to request the court this month to approve hiring an additional investigator for

The County PTA has requested that another officer be added and several PTAs have written to the Freeholders about the matter. Another letter, from Edminister Township PTA, was read Friday in support of the move.

A report to the Freeholders on funds allotted to municipalities for 1956 Highway Department aid included Branchburg, \$5,588; Franklin, \$17,089; Hillsborough, \$13,128; Manville, \$5,888; Millstone, \$187; Montgomery, \$9,188. The total for the county is \$150,000, the same as this year.

A request for \$23,789 for 1956 was received from the Somerset County Extermination Commission, which announced plans to continue building up spray routes, dredging blocked streams and installing drainage ditches to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.

## Santa's Coming Here on Sunday

Santa Claus will roar into town on a fire truck Sunday with gifts for the fourth annual Children's Christmas party in the Community Firehouse.

The affair, sponsored by Franklin Volunteer Fire Co. Women's Auxiliary for their husbands and families, starts at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Smith is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Casimiro Calvo, Mrs. John Kervick, Mrs. Thomas Pavlako, Mrs. Albert Filkoliaz and Miss Ruth Calvo.

Firemen will help the women decorate the building and serve refreshments.

Final arrangements were made Tuesday night.

The auxiliary will have its next meeting on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. in the firehouse.

### Lions to Fete Their Youngsters

The Lions Club is planning a Fathers, Sons & Daughters Night for Dec. 21. No meeting place has been set yet, chairman Edmund Jenkins announced.

On the program will be movies, dinner and music. Michael Bodnarik, Frank Gianotto and James Thompson are committee members.

The Lions held an "Old Fashioned Barn Dance" on Nov. 30 in Pine Grove Manor School.

Door prizes of \$2 in merchandise from Township dealers were awarded to the Misses Priscilla Benning, Marion Monsees, Gall Pelock, Bonnie Van Riper, Elaine Anthony and Gerry Kokal, and William Baumlin in the teen class.

In the adult group, prizes were won by Herold Wilson, Livia Napolitano, Mrs. Eugene Freeman, Jessie Radd, Mrs. Casimiro Calvo, John Keller, Dominick Sidotti, Mrs. Raymond Jablonski and Mr. Bodnarik.

Albert Milchanowski was chairman for this affair with William Mogor as co-chairman. Assisting in the kitchen were John Taylor, Charles Petrillo, John Cariano, Anthony Naterelli, Charles Slocra, J. H. Thompson, Mr. Bodnarik, Albert Beseneyel, Mr. Jenkins and Thomas Napolitano.

### CELEBRATION TIME

This is birthday and anniversary time for the Carl Hengerts of Franklin Park. Mrs. Hengert's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. James Dey of Trenton, will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary Saturday. Mr. Hengert's birthday was on Nov. 29th, while Mrs. Hengert will celebrate hers Wednesday.

### TO TRENTON

Mr. & Mrs. Hengert visited Mr. & Mrs. Dey in Trenton Sunday. Also present were Mrs. Hengert's aunt and mother, Miss Charlotte Dey and Mrs. Margaret Dey of Yorkville.

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## Frankly Speaking

When you live in a big city, Democracy is only a word constantly preached and printed... never really understood.

Take a city like New York, for instance. How many mothers, of the millions whose children attend school, go to PTA meetings? How many fathers? How many citizens take the time, or are interested enough in the first place to even think of appearing to register a complaint when something isn't run correctly?

Our great cities may be the source of most of our wealth, but they aren't the reason for our pre-eminence in the world today.

The reason for our great stature can be found in the small towns and the rural areas, where Democracy—even rough-language Democracy—is practiced constantly; where it is the concern of every resident.

Coming from a "big" city, we never really understood what the "voice of the people" is, or what it can do. In spite of political science courses, pledges of allegiance and trips to Europe, we've never understood the essence of America until we came to Franklin and started covering Township Committee meetings, Board of Health meetings, Board of Education meetings, court sessions, and all the other councils needed to run a government.

The most perfect example of Democracy we've seen yet happened at an angry session of plumbers and the Township Committee on Nov. 22.

The plumbers had a gripe; they felt a plumbing code wasn't needed yet. They also felt that if the code was going to be adopted, there were quite a few changes which had to be made.

They gathered in Township Hall and there, with both cool words and angry outbursts, they exercised their rights as citizens... rights all of us are born with, but about which few of us bother.

The judgment as to whether opponents of the code were right or wrong is not our theme at the moment. We're mainly concerned here with their interest... an interest which didn't stop with ineffectual protests to neighbors. These who disagreed gave vent to their opinions and emotions in public, and the government took heed and made revisions in the code before it was enacted.

Thus, in Township Hall, were visible the results of an ideal, an ideal first conceived more than 2,000 years ago by a people whose civilization began to die when they ceased practicing what they preached.

### SCOUT PARENTS' NIGHT, COURT SET FOR TUESDAY

Franklin Park's Boy Scout Troop 100, headed by Scoutmaster James C. Moise, will have its annual Parents' Night and Court of Honor Tuesday evening in the Six Mile Run Reformed Church.

The affair will feature the presentation of Second and First Class badges, a special patrol award, and the induction of the new Explorer Crew.

### Candlelight Rite Set for Dec. 16

Members of the church and the community will participate, for the third year, in the East Millstone Reformed Church annual Candlelight Service, to be given from 8 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 18 in the church.

The service consists of a narrative, written by Harry T. Hough and set to old Christmas carols sung by the junior and senior choirs. The narrative, "The Star of Wonder," will be read by the Rev. Milton Hoffman, pastor of the church.

The church, decorated with 50 evergreens, will be lighted with spotlights ranging from pale to deep blue. Each member of the audience will receive a lighted candle which, during specified times, he is to raise "to the heavens," according to Mrs. Hough, program director.

John W. Burtis of East Millstone is in charge of lighting. James Wood of Morrisville, Pa., will play the oldest organ in this area, installed around 1867. Members of the cast include Mrs. Emery Beauman, Mary; Emery Beauman, Joseph; Thomas Huie, George Onderdonk and George Wilmot, the Wise Men; and Louis Burkhardt, Theodore Hellier and Edward Fiedler, the Shepherds.

### CE Union Annual Christmas Sing To Be Held Sunday in Harlingen

HARLINGEN—The ninth annual Christmas Carol Sing & Candlelight Service of the County Christian Endeavor Union, held in Somerville for the past five years, will be held in the Reformed Church here on Sunday, starting at 8 p.m.

Young people of the County who will recite roles in the Christmas story include William Van Zandt of Blawenburg, Bethlehem; Patricia Welch of Franklin Park and Brenda Myers of Neshanic, the Manger; Marilyn Means of Rocky Hill, the Babe; George Robert Painter of Somerville, the Shepherds; Grace Drake, the Wise Men.

Carol singing will be led by J. Spencer Hulse of Middlesex. A youth choir of more than 65 voices, directed by Mrs. John E. House of Pluckemin, will sing Mueller's "All My Heart This Night Rejoices," Duncan's "Christmas Bells," and Niles' "When Jesus Lived in Galilee." Andrew Carron of South Bound Brook will be the organist.

"Variations on a 17th Century Swiss Carol," arranged by Howard Savage, will be played by a

### - Births -

In Princeton Hospital

Nov. 27—A daughter, to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Larsen of Griggstown.

### With the PTAs

Executive board members of the Phillips School PTA met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Vance Dunn of Franklin Park to make plans for the group's Christmas program.

The program, part of the regular meeting next Tuesday in the school, will include a carol sing, an exchange of gifts, the appearance of Santa Claus and the trimming of a tree donated by the PTA to the school. Roy Brookes is in charge.

Members will discuss the organization of a recreation program for children in the Franklin Park area, to be administered with the help of the neighborhood Youth Council.

### COUPLES CLUB PLANNING PARTY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

A New Year's Eve party in the chapel of Six Mile Run Reformed Church will be given by the Couples Club Dec. 31.

The party is open to all couples and will be arranged by Mr. & Mrs. Colin Lancaster. Those wanting to make reservations should call Mrs. Lancaster, Princeton 1-3594-J12. Proceeds will go to the Irving Weiner Memorial Fund to build a new Sunday School.

At 11:45 p.m. the party will end and the sanctuary doors of the church will be opened to the public for a watchnight service, an old New England custom.

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### Community Choirs To Sing Sunday

The Franklin Park Community Chorus will make its first public appearance in the First Baptist Church, Princeton, at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The group will rehearse in the home of Dr. & Mrs. John Small, Lincoln Highway, tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The chorus, which has an annual Christmas Carol Sing scheduled for Dec. 18 in the Franklin Park Firehouse, has been granted funds for a brass ensemble.

Funds for the ensemble, which will consist of four members of the Joseph Gross Orchestra, come from the Music Performance Trust Fund, administered by New Brunswick Local 204 of the American Federation of Musicians. Final plans for the sing will be made at the Community Council meeting tonight in the firehouse.

### CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Middlebush Fire Department is still accepting food and money for a Christmas basket to be given to a needy Township family. Donations may be left with Mrs. C. B. Slichter, Main Street, or Mrs. Dorothy Zimmermann, Olcott Street.



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The cold spells are coming fast these days. And as the temperature dips, some of Somerset's hotheads are cooling off.

Merchants are busy reminding us that the holidays are close aboard, another harbinger of the season. Thus, with joyous days approaching, it seems like Peace and Good Will will prevail in the county, come Christmas.

Example. Cooler heads are evident in Baritan. The farcical three-way battle involving the cops, the town fathers and hoket-plagued citizens seems to be approaching a "happily ever after."

The holiday decorations along Somerset Street will lend a neat backdrop to the hatchet-burying ceremonies. American newspaper readers will be deprived of another chuckle, maybe, but Mr. Claus will feel free to park his sleigh on the night of Dec. 24, after Mayor Santora and Chief Rossi shake and made up.

Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt didn't relish the conduct of Magistrate Charlie Stevens' courtroom sessions, and Prosecutor Leon Gerofsky looked askance at the town's vindictive law enforcement spree, but Christmas in Baritan is expected to be white.

As Yuletide bells begin to jingle, the courthouse gossips in Somerville are buzzing benignly about Arthur Tuttle's "amicable adjustment" with the Somerset Messenger-Gazette in his ill-fated \$225,000 libel suit.

Matter of fact, the adjustment was so "amicable" that the M-G got off without diverting a copper.

Last month, a jury sat and listened for 14 days before advising Lil' Arthur that a similar suit against Bridgewater Township Committeeman Jim Dobson wasn't such a hot idea.

Thursday, in the spirit of true brotherhood, Arthur decided to forego the joys of a holiday season in court. As it stands now, he will spend his waning weeks as Bridgewater Township attorney enjoying the season in the lusty good spirit of a Dickensian Christmas character.

And now . . . Off Blitzen, up Abner, dance Clara! Here we go to Martinville!

This is the home of the League for the Preservation of Washington Valley. The league is working on a smaller budget this month because its Christmas Club check was squandered on the paid publicity hands who helped defeat the Chimney Rock reservoir referendum.

But the spirit is still there, children, because the league has decided to stay in business, and to lend its powerful verve and voice to solve the water problem for all of New Jersey.

Chimney Rock was a rotten idea in the first place, they contend, and it was right generous of Charley Engelhard to help defeat the monster. But now their champion has doffed his armor and he's off in pursuit of less venacious dragons.

So, maybe now's the time to change the name to the League for the Preservation of Malcolm Forbes, or any other Republican who can save the valley from swampdom and move this reservoir talk back up the Delaware.

So again, in the old-fashioned spirit of holiday giving, the league will get up and give a lusty cheer for dear old Malcolm,

the boy it tried to drown. All the league wants in return is the assurance that New Jersey's water will come from Wallpack Bend, perhaps, and they want the pipes to go right past Washington Valley.

Over the hill, and down in the next valley, the tinsel and mistletoe is beginning to show up in the County Administration Building.

Santa is cocking a quizzical ear outside the Freeholder conference room, because Christmas is down this way is Budgetide, and the file in Chet Van Tine's desk is daily getting fatter as department heads come in with next year's hopes.

But the morale of lesser county employees is wearing thinner. Most of them got coal and acorns in their stockings last year, and the Freeholders would have liked to have blamed the situation on Santa, when pay raises were meted out to a selected few.

But even after all these months, the term "Freeholder" is still synonymous with "tightwad" around most of the water coolers in the building.

The atmosphere in the little room behind the big room on the second floor is expected to be a little more jovial and a little more generous this year.

Okay, Scrooge. Take over.



**WALTER H. DeaKYNE**

Funeral services for Walter E. DeaKyne, 7 Whittier Avenue, were held Monday from the Maher Funeral Home, New Brunswick. Interment was in Clover Leaf Cemetery, Woodbridge.

Mr. DeaKyne, who died Saturday in St. Peter's Hospital after a long illness, was an engineer for the Ruberoid Company in Bound Brook. He is survived by his wife, Estel, and four brothers, Charles and Matthew of Bound Brook and George and Harold of Nixon.

**60 New TB Cases Reported for '55**

Mrs. Mildred Everett, executive director of the Somerset County Tuberculosis & Health Association has revealed that 60 new cases of tuberculosis and seven deaths from the disease had been reported in the first 11 months of 1955.

Of the new cases of tuberculosis discovered since Jan. 1 of this year Manville had the highest number, 18, followed by Somerville with 11 and Bound Brook with seven cases. Municipalities with three new tuberculosis cases so far this year are Branchburg Township, Franklin Township, Hillsborough Township, North Plainfield, Raritan, and South Bound Brook. Two new cases of tuberculosis each were reported in Bridgewater Township, Peapack-Gladstone and Montgomery Township. One case each was listed for Bernards Township, Rocky Hill, and Warren Township.

During 1954 there were only five deaths from tuberculosis, but this year's total is already seven, with almost another month to go. Four of the seven who died this year of tuberculosis were residents of Manville, while there were one each from North Plainfield, Raritan, and Bridgewater.

"As long as tuberculosis still poses such a threat to the individual and his family," Mrs. Everett concluded, "we must press forward our work of education, prevention, patient services, and research."

**GRANGE No. 7 TO MEET WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Somerset Grange No. 7 will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the home of George Davis of How Lane. The group will hold its Christmas party in the Franklin Park Firehouse on Dec. 17.

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Wiegand of Davidson Avenue have been attending the State Grange Convention in Atlantic City since Tuesday. They were alternate delegates for Mr. & Mrs. George Madsen, who could not attend.

**BEG PARDON**

The executive board of the Pine Grove Manor School PTA meets on the first Wednesday of every month, not the first Monday as reported in The News last week. The group is planning a Christmas program for its regular Dec. 20 meeting.

Read the Classifieds

**MRS. RAGANY TO LEAD 1956 MARCH OF DIMES**

Mrs. Dorothy Ragany of Lincoln Highway has been named Township chairman for the 1956 March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Mrs. Ragany plans to distribute

donation boxes and coin cards soon to residents and to stores in the community.

The campaign will be held during January, with the County's goal set at \$40,000.

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## The Line-up Is Changing

The water boys are at it again.

The Chimney Rock referendum was defeated in last month's General Election, and now some of the people who opposed this reservoir proposition are becoming quite concerned about the aspirations of the Elizabethtown Water Company, while the Water Policy & Supply Council is listening to overtures for a Round Valley reservoir from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, and Monmouth's Assemblyman Alfred Beadleston says that each of 12 to 20 substitute water supply programs would be more expensive than that proposed for Chimney Rock.

As for some of the folks who opposed Chimney Rock, look down towards New Brunswick and North Brunswick and you'll see municipal fathers in both communities deeply concerned about an Elizabethtown request to the Water Policy & Supply Council. The firm, a private utility, is asking for permission to take an additional 20 million gallons of water daily from the Delaware & Raritan Canal, which cuts through Somerset, thus increasing its take to 42,500,000 million gallons a day. Should the request be granted there would remain but 2 1/2-million gallons a day left for municipalities and other industries that might want to settle in the area.

It's easy to see why New Brunswick and North Brunswick are going to fight the company's bid: No water, no municipal or industrial growth.

Elizabethtown fought the Chimney Rock proposal, fearing it would make inroads into its business, and there was little support for the 'Rock' in the Brunswicks. Now, however, they are on opposite sides in the water war, and what the Brunswicks probably don't like to recall is that, if the referendum had passed, Elizabethtown could have bought supplies from Chimney

Rock instead of hitting up the D & L Canal.

In Trenton last week the Council began hearings on a request to build a reservoir in Round Valley. The proposal for this reservoir was submitted by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, representing municipalities in the northern section of the state. This was another outfit which fought the Chimney Rock proposition because these smooth operators wanted a water deal they could control, and they weren't on the schedule to run Chimney Rock.

But who do you think is now the main opposition to the North Jersey crowd? Why, none other than their anti-Chimney Rock buddy, the Elizabethtown Water Company, which also wants state permission to tap the 780-square mile Raritan River watershed for another 100,000,000 gallons a day for its customers.

If Senator Malcolm Forbes wants to enjoy a snicker at this point, you should not blame him a bit.

## HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING TO BE AIBED NEXT WEEK

An all-day public hearing on health aspects of aging will be held in the Essex House, Newark, on Wednesday. The hearing has been called by the New Jersey Old Age Study Commission of which Senator Walter H. Jones of Hackensack is chairman.

Other members of the Commission are Senator Malcolm S. Forbes of Somerset, Assemblyman Pierce H. Deamer Jr. of Bergenfield, Assemblyman Maurice V. Brady of Jersey City, Dr. Daniel Bergama, State Commissioner of Health; Phyllis P. Bradshaw, extension specialist in Human Relations, Rutgers University, and Arthur Hancock, formerly affiliated with the Trenton public schools.

## Microscope

on

## Communism

By Dr. Alexander S. Bal'ny  
Rutgers Specialist in Russian Affairs and Economics

Back in 1946 there was a Soviet economist named Varga, a fairly competent economist as Soviet economists go, competent enough to become professor of economics at a Soviet university and head of the Economics Institute in the USSR.

The year was 1946, when the United States and Russia were allies. Varga, a trained Marxist, had just published a new book about capitalism, declaring that the capitalism of 1945 would not necessarily destroy itself by recurring crises and depressions. Karl Marx, of course, had predicted (as far back as 1849) that capitalism inevitably would destroy itself and that nothing could be done to stem the tide.

### Stalin Decrees

Varga's revelation was that the capitalism of 1945 was not the capitalism of 1848 or even of 1932. He pointed out that the nature and structure of capitalism had changed a great deal, especially since 1932. Varga explained that Keynesian and New Deal economic policies since 1932 warranted re-examination of Marx's belief in the inevitable breakdown of capitalism.

For almost a year Varga managed to get away with this heresy. Then came 1946 and the Cold War. Suddenly, Stalin issued a statement that Varga had become an enemy of the people by abandoning the sacred doctrines of Marxism. Stalin reiterated the Marxist orthodoxy that capitalism will and must destroy itself. Varga found himself dismissed from his post at the university, removed as head of the Economic Institute and exiled to a political correction camp in the cold, cold you-know where.

Of course, it is just possible that Varga was right—that capitalism had changed since 1932. Social security, unemployment compensation, minimum wages, insured bank deposits, credit controls and dozens of other important pieces of economic legislation had strengthened the system of free enterprise.

Varga had observed these things in his study of the American economy. Somehow a spark of honest scholarship had shone through and he was impelled to call the shots as he really saw them. Unfortunately for Varga, an old Soviet axiom says that when truth stands in the way of an end to be accomplished, the truth must be made to serve the end, however it has to be twisted.

### Refrigerated Research

Varga refused to retract his conclusion, and he was given a long spell in very cold climate to think matters over.

After several years of further study and research in the cold climate, Varga's mind seemed to have been cleared of any decadent, bourgeois notions about the survival of capitalism. Not too long ago, he left the colder regions with a new manuscript in his hand. This one told a different story.

Capitalism, Varga said, was evil. It must, by all the laws of

## Holiday Tree on the Highway



## Of Books, Plays & Sundry Things...

### The Art of Thornton Wilder

Most of the non-musical triumphs of the modern American theatre have been in the realm of realistic drama. Playwrights like Arthur Miller, Clifford Odets, Tennessee Williams and even, to some degree Maxwell Anderson and Eugene O'Neill, no matter how daring they may be in other respects, treat the actor-audience relationship according to the conventions established by the great 19th Century dramatists, Ibsen and Chekov.

### An Exception

The chief exception to the general rule are the works of Thornton Wilder. Though Wilder's output has been sparse, it is very choice. He accepts the fact that a stage is a stage and that no one is really fooled into thinking of it as anything else. By acknowledging the fact that the playwright cannot really reproduce reality, Wilder frees himself from its confines. To get at the inner meaning of life he does not have to resort to obscure and complicated symbolism. He is free to come right out and say what he means, even if what is said is not true to the appearances of reality. You may be sure that it is true to those inner significances of life which we all feel.

With all of this, Wilder is one of the most optimistic playwrights on the current scene. In "Our Town" he lovingly and

simply presented the story of everyday life in a particular locality, in all localities in "The Skin of Our Teeth" he wrote a marvelously funny allegory concerning the indestructibility of the human race. And now in "The Matchmaker" he has produced a fantastic and hilarious farce which has the very simple moral, "Have fun."

### The New Play

"The Matchmaker" is a rewrite of a Wilder play, "The Merchant of Yonkers," which failed in New York in 1940. It is difficult to imagine how the new version could fail. It is tricked out with all the hoary devices of the Victorian farce, and yet, somehow, every one of these devices seems wonderfully fresh and amusing. Though the new play is not at all similar to "Our Town" or "The Skin of Our Teeth," all three plays do have in common their disregard for usual stage practice. In "The Matchmaker" the actors themselves step down to the footlights and explain what is going on. These speeches are the funniest bits of all. The charm of the whole thing derives from the fact that it is make-believe, and in being such enables one to view life in a new and perhaps even truer light than that provided by reality.

"The Matchmaker" is enlivened by Ruth Gordon's uproarious performance in the title role. Other leading roles are played more than adequately by Eileen Herlie, Loring Smith, Arthur Hill, and Eame Church. As a work of art it certainly does not possess the lasting significance of Wilder's two earlier full-length efforts, but it shows that his method of ignoring the usual conventions works for lightweight as well as for more serious efforts.

—Barb

Red China's ministry of public health has announced that it is studying ancient as well as modern ways to cure diseases. A 90-per-cent rate of cure in a control group of 64 suffering from sleeping sickness was reported for a concoction containing, among other things, powdered rhinoceros horn.

But one is left to wonder: Who is kidding whom in the USSR?

Milliken (Ill.) University has 963 students and 70 instructors.

## TICKLERS

By George



"I'll say this about Smith, our new member. He really tries to get into the spirit of this thing!"

# Your GARDEN This Week

By CHARLES H. CONNORS  
Rutgers University

## STAFF-TREE PLANTS

Plants that attract attention because of their fruits are the members of the Staff-Tree Family. A well-known member of this group is American Bittersweet.

Most members of this family have flowers that are not showy, but produce showy fruits. Fruits are capsules, usually dry, often colored, that crack open and expose the seeds. These seeds are unusual in that they are covered by a fleshy growth that is of a color contrasting with the capsule covering.

This covering on the seeds is called an aril, a word that appears not infrequently in crossword puzzles.

In the American Bittersweet or Waxwork, *Celastrus scandens*, the capsule is round and yellow and the aril is crimson. With oriental bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculata*, the capsule is orange-yellow and the aril is scarlet.

## Need Both Sexes

These twining climbers have flowers of the sexes on separate

plants. It is necessary to have plants of both sexes of each to have the showy fruits form.

Be on the watch for euonymus scale and treat it promptly should it appear.

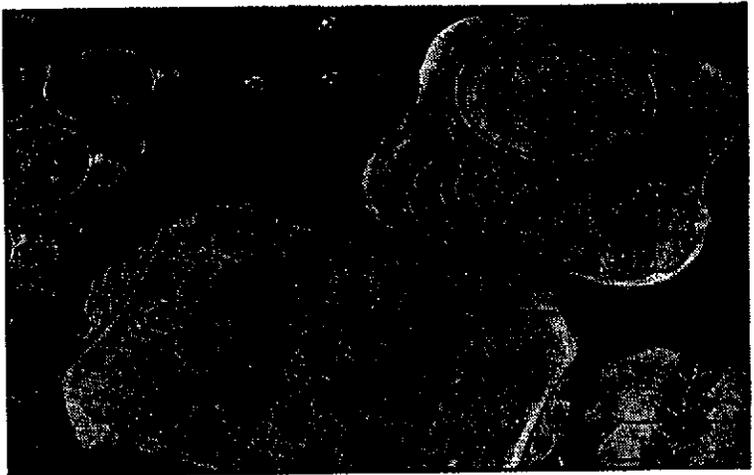
The other genus in this family that is worth considering is *Euonymus*. Its fruits are usually lobed.

## Consider Small Trees

If you are looking for a small tree, you might consider *Euonymus bungeana*, *Winterberry*, *Spindle tree*. It grows to about 18 feet, with slender branches and pale green, rather fine-textured foliage. After the foliage falls, there is exposed a profusion of four-lobed fruits, pinkish with orange aril.

On older places we find European Spindletree (*Euonymus europaea*) with four-lobed fruit, red to pink with orange aril, and the native Burningbush (*Euonymus atropurpurea*) with crimson four-lobed fruits and scarlet aril. For naturalizing in a moist place consider *Euonymus americana*, *Strawberry-bush*, often called *Heart's-busting-with-love*.

# Tantalize Christmas Appetites With Tidbits



Christmas canapés are taste-tantalizers you'll want to serve to guests all during the holiday season.

WHEN friends gather about your Christmas tree, it's nice to pass a tray of pleasant-to-eat tidbits. All in the Christmas spirit of welcome and good will.

Here are three suggestions, each of them delicious but not fussy.

### Bloche Cheese-Clam Dip (1 1/2 cups)

One cup sour cream, 1/2 cup crumbled American blue cheese (about 3 ounces), 1/2 cup canned, minced clams; 1 tablespoon chopped chives, 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Combine cream and cheese; blend. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Serve as dip for crackers or potato chips, as desired.

### Pickle Star Canapés (about 40)

One 8-ounce package hickory-smoked cheese spread, 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish, drained; 30

slices bologna, 1/2-inch thick (about 1/2 pound), sliced, sweet pickles.

Combine cheese and pickle relish; blend well. Spread 20 slices bologna with pickle mixture. But bologna slices together to form 10 stacks. Top with remain 10 slices bologna. Cut with small star-shaped cutter. Top with sliced pickles.

Note: Chop remaining bologna mixture for sandwich spread, if desired.

### Holiday Olive Canapés (about 14)

One 8-ounce package chive cream cheese, softened, 1/4 cup chopped pimento-stuffed green olives, 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish, 7 slices bread, 2 tablespoons softened butter or margarine.

Combine cheese, olives and horseradish. Blend. Trim crusts from bread; spread with butter or margarine. Cut bread as desired. Spread with cheese mixture. Garnish as desired.

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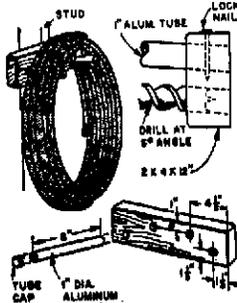
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## Tube Rack Keeps Gardening Hose Safe for Winter

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Cut 18" length of 2x4 to make the main support. Lay out the holes for the 1" Do-It-Yourself tubing and bore the holes at a slight (about 5°) angle to keep hose from sliding off. Drill 3/16" holes for the two screws that hold the 2x4 to the wall.

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## HOME ECONOMICS BRIEFS

Apple of the public's eye when shopping for fruit is the apple. According to the United States Department of Agriculture a recent poll indicates that apples take the top preference with 33 percent of those questioned. Oranges squeeze in second, with a 30 percent rating.

Seven ships, including three U.S. Navy icebreakers, will participate in "Operation Deep-freeze" now getting under way in the Antarctic. Voyage is in preparation for observance of the International Geophysical Year.

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By ADELINE GARNER

Home Agent, Somerset County Extension Service

**CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKE**

Nearly everyone has a favorite type of holiday fruitcake. Some like them light, some like them dark. But everyone likes them good—moist, fruity and fine-flavored.

Make your fruitcake ahead and store it a few weeks to develop the flavor. You can buy packaged fruitcake mixes, if you want to save time. Some come with a pan in which to bake and store the cake. And the finished products are good.

Of course, there's nothing quite like the special variety your family looks forward to each year, that only you can bake. Maybe the recipe has been handed down from mother to daughter for a few generations.

If you have no family favorite and are looking for a good but not too rich or expensive recipe, try the following:

**Never-Fail Fruitcake**

Pit and chop 1 pound of prunes (soak first if they are somewhat dry). Soak 1 pound seedless raisins 20 minutes in hot water,

drain. Cut 1/4 pound citron in strips. Chop 1/2 pound nutmeats (about 1 cup). Mix these ingredients together.

Cream 1 cup fat with 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar. Beat in 4 eggs and add 1 tablespoon milk. Sift together 2 cups sifted flour, 1 teaspoon mace, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 teaspoon soda. Stir this mixture into fruits and nuts. Add to creamed fat-sugar mixture.

Grease and flour 5 small (1 pound) loaf pans. Line bottoms with brown paper and grease the paper. Pour batter into pans. Bake at 250 degrees F. (very slow oven) for 3 1/2 hours.

Cool slightly, remove from pans and strip off paper. Cool thoroughly and wrap in waxed paper or aluminum foil. Store 2 weeks in a cool place before using. Makes 5 pounds of cake.

Fruitcakes may be stored in the refrigerator or in the home freezer. Some people like to saturate a cloth with cider, wine or brandy and wrap the fruitcake in it before wrapping for storage.

**ADAPT FASHIONS**

An attractive appearance can depend greatly upon the best adaptation of current fashions to your individual figure. If you really want to appear more attractive, a careful analysis of your figure, plus an understanding of lines in dress that create illusions will start you on the right path.

There are always certain lines that are more flattering to one figure than another, but lines and their effects should be understood if a wise choice is to be made. By the clever use of good lines and design in dress, you may alter poor proportions and make the figure appear more attractive. Even though styles change rapidly, the basic lines that are becoming to certain figure types remain the same. Such lines are called 'line illusions' because they seem to correct defects of the figure.

The whole costume is made up of lines. These illusion lines are those seam and construction lines that constitute the silhouette of the garment. Some detail arrangements in garments that accent line are found in pleats, tucks, panels, outside stitching, piping, trimming, button placement and various others.

Once you learn what lines are good for you, use them over and over. Call attention to your good points and accent them. These

must be unity in line and it must seem to belong to the silhouette figure.

**GIVE FAMILY APPLIANCE**

Thinking about a Christmas present for a family? An electrical appliance may be just the thing. The variety and styling has never been better than this season, and these are some types of electrical appliances which do several types of cooking jobs.

An intriguing electric appliance is the four-quart pressure saucepan that has its own built-in heating unit. The temperature, pressure and steam-venting are controlled automatically. No more minute-by-minute watching this pressure cooker either in the kitchen or at the dining table. Three makes are on the market that will cook many foods from soups through desserts. Others may appear shortly.

The electric frypan is another appliance that has found its place either in the kitchen or at the table. It can be used at breakfast, lunch or dinner. Fried eggs are done to a turn with controlled heat and golden brown chicken is equally easy to achieve. Many different models are on the market—some square, some round. Capacity differs with the make as does the method recommended for washing.

**No More Peeping**

Combination grills and waffle bakers are not new but are still valued as a dual-purpose appliance. Some models have two sets of grills that are easily interchanged by clipping into place. A couple of others have reversible grills with a waffle baker on one side and the grill on the other. The automatic control eliminates peeping to see when waffles, toasted sandwiches or any other delicious bits are done. Just use the correct setting according to the direction book.

The fryer-cooker is a many-purpose electric houseware, an outgrowth of the electric deep fat fryer. It can be used for many foods besides those fried in deep fat. It is a roaster, a baker, a cooker, warmer or server. Corn pops quickly for an evening snack. When in a hurry, frozen food can be defrosted in it. Automatic heat control, ranging from 100 to 450 degrees, gives a steady heat for many dishes at

any meal.

In the small appliance field, you will also find many new innovations in broilers, rotisseries, casseroles, bean pots, roasters, coffee-makers, hot water servers for instant beverages and toasters.

The American Institute of Baking says a bread box or drawer should be washed thoroughly, dried well and sunned at least

once a week. It should be brushed free of crumbs with a clean, dry brush between washings. Baking soda is preferred over soap in the water for odorless cleaning. Adding vinegar to the rinse water helps kill mold spores, but might cause tin bread boxes to rust if the box is carelessly dried. All bread boxes not thoroughly dried before storing bread in them promote mold growth.

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# Plumbers May Contest New Code

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noticed of the other. Code 'Safe'

His early objections were settled partially with re-organization of the plumbing Board of Examiners. "I feel it's safe, now," he said, "but I still don't agree with licensing." Mr. Smith is a civil engineer employed in Bernardsville.

Mr. Jackson's comment on Mr. Jenkin's allegation was, "there were three men on that committee, Stephen Reid, Mr. Smith and George Hubner. If one of them has a complaint they should tell the Township Committee about it, not the public."

The request for the legal opinion was the result of a recent meeting of code opponents. However, Mr. Jenkins declined to tell where the meeting was held and who was there. "We feel we represent a majority of the people of the Township," he said.

# To Oppose Water Bid

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million gallons, half of this being allocated to the water company, the balance to municipalities and industries. The canal has a daily withdrawal capacity estimated at between 70 and 90 million gallons.

Franklin now contracts with Elizabethton to buy up to one-half million gallons of water daily, the rate being fixed at \$70 a day.

## REPUBLICAN VICTORY DINNER SET FOR TONIGHT

Speeches by Senator Malcolm S. Forbes, Assemblyman William E. Ozzard, Sheriff Roy Hunnewell and Freeholder Henry L. Fetherston, the four victorious county Republican candidates, will highlight the Somerset County Republican Victory Dinner tonight in Far Hills Inn.

Lew's J. Gray, county chairman, will be master of ceremonies.

## Zone Amendments To Be Aired Today

The first public hearing on amendments to the Township zoning ordinance will take place during the regular Township Comm. meeting at 8 p.m. today in Township Hall.

Introduced on Nov. 10, proposed amendments would eliminate the neighborhood business zone on Hamilton Street, from Brookline to Franklin Avenues, and on Somerset Street from Brookline Avenue to Berry Street.

Another amendment would acknowledge Samuel Pillsbury's Building Center on Railroad Square, Middlebush, as an industrial activity existing in a heavy industrial zone being changed to a neighborhood business sector. Another proposal would increase the business district depth on Hamilton Street from 100 to 350 feet.

## GRID TOURNEY ENDS IN 3-WAY DEADLOCK

In the football season just ended, the three-team race between Middlebush, Kingston and Pine Grove Manor Schools ended in a tie. Each school won one and lost one game.

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## Church News

### KINGSTON METHODIST

The Rev. Leon Zinkler will speak on "The Word of God," at Sunday's service.

The Ladies Aid has set its Christmas party for 8 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. James Edwards, Main Street, Kingston.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its Christmas celebration Dec. 17. The party is tentatively scheduled for the Hopewell Methodist Church.

### E. M. REFORMED

The Sunday School will hold its Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 in the church. Robert Block is in charge.

The church will present, for the third year, an annual Candlelight Service from 8 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 18. The service, a narrative set to music, is called "The Star of Wonder," and is directed by Mrs. Harry T. Hough.

### MIDDLEBUSH REFORMED

Robert Courtney is in charge of the church's Sunday School program to be given on Dec. 18. On the same evening the Young Married Couples Club will hold its annual Sing, serenading residents.

Inducted as members of the church Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kopsco, Charles Street; Mr. & Mrs. Madison Weidner, Den Herder Drive; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cheener, Van Dorn Avenue, and Mrs. Raymond Roth, Front Street.

The Mid-Week Study Group, meeting at the church, took "The Second Exodus" for its subject yesterday. Next Wednesday's subject will be "The People of the Law."

The Sunday School will hold a Christmas party on Dec. 18 in the church.

### SIX MILE RUN REFORMED

The Women's Service League met yesterday in the home of Mrs. Harvey Swift of Franklin Park.

The Beginning and Primary Departments of the Sunday School will present a Christmas pageant Sunday at 4 p.m. in the church. Mrs. Clifford Cortelyou and Mrs. Jettie E. Davey are directing.

### GRIGGSTOWN REFORMED

The Women's Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. Raymond Hoegland yesterday and collected special offerings for the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and for CARE packages.

The Young Women's League will meet at 8 tonight in the parsonage for a Christmas program of carols, games and an exchange of gifts. Mrs. Merie W. Hoogbeem is in charge.

The church's drive for \$25,000 for a new Sunday School and Fellowship Hall begins this week. Arthur Carroll is building committee chairman.

### KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN

Mrs. James Conover's Sunday School class had a Christmas party in the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Shuke of Ridge Road on Monday.

On Tuesday, the Kingston Neighborhood Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Group, met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wolf, Lincoln Highway.

The Women's Missionary Society will meet at 7:30 tonight in the church. On the Christmas

program is a film, "The Greatest Gift." Mrs. Charles Baunach, Mrs. Fergus Anderson and Mrs. William Voorhees are in charge. Mrs. Charles Stults and Mrs. C. C. Van Voorhis will be co-hostesses.

The Monthly Family Fellowship Supper will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the assembly room. Christmas carol singing will follow the meal.

The Princeton Theological Seminary choir will perform during Sunday's worship service.

The Rev. Henry W. Heaps announced that the educational addition to the Sanctuary is almost completed and should be ready for occupancy on the first of the year. A dedication ceremony is being planned.

Ernest Richard Wilhelm of Kingston presented a baptismal font to the church Sunday in memory of his wife, Ida Emma, who died last year. A brief dedication ceremony took place during the service.

### ST. AUGUSTINE'S

The Rosary & Altar Society, which is celebrating its second anniversary, will meet at 8 tonight in the church for the investiture of new members and the election and installation of officers. Members will make plans for a Christmas party.

The Holy Name Society will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the church.

### ST. JOSEPH'S

The Rosary & Altar Society will install new officers and receive new members following church services at 7:30 tonight. Mrs. Lillian Lechinsky has been elected president; Mrs. Stanley Brzoska, vice-president; Mrs. James Blue, secretary, and Mrs. David Blue, treasurer.

The Holy Name Society also will meet after services tonight to elect new officers. The group will make plans for the Christmas party it will give with the Rosary Society, Mrs. Leszynski and Lester Herrmann being in charge of the affair.

A children's party will be given by the Rosary & Altar Society on Dec. 17 in the church hall.

## Hagmann Keeps Cracking Down

It was lawyer's night in Township court Monday evening, perhaps as a result of the State's crack-down on traffic regulation violators.

Albert J. Bohac, 19, of New Brunswick, was represented by Samuel Kaplan of Carteret on a charge of driving recklessly and causing an accident on Easton Avenue near Academy Road on Nov. 23.

Lt. Russell Pfeiffer testified that Mr. Bohac attempted to pass on a curve, but before he could get back on his side of the road, was confronted by a car driven by F. Metalsky going in the opposite direction. Mr. Bohac swung his car over an embankment on the left side, and caused Mr. Metalsky to drive onto the shoulder.

Asked to Reconsider  
Mr. Kaplan asked Lt. Pfeiffer to reconsider the reckless driving charge, because of its seriousness. He said also that Mr. Metalsky was not present to corroborate the police officer's story.

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Judge Vernon D. Hagmann agreed Mr. Metalsky should have been there, but found the defendant guilty as charged, fined him \$29 and suspended his license for 30 days.

In another case, George L. Young, 27, of New Brunswick was charged with careless driving on Easton Avenue. Mr. Young was represented by Leonard D. Ronco of Belleville, who told The News he would appeal the decision after Magistrate Hagmann found that the defendant, on the basis of physical evidence on the road, was "not using a prudent speed in approaching a curve."

### Says Road Was Blocked

Mr. Young's truck went off on the right side of the road to the shoulder, crossed the road, side-swiped two trees and went down the left embankment. The truckman claimed he had no choice, since the road was blocked by another car coming towards him while trying to pass a third vehicle. Mr. Ronco has 10 days to appeal the \$24 fine in County Court.

Two cases without legal sides also were heard Monday night. In one, Jan Slepokure of Manville was found guilty of reckless driving on Canal Road near South Bound Brook on Nov. 28 and fined \$29.

In the other, Robert H. Thompson of Bound Brook pleaded guilty to careless driving on Easton Avenue and West Parkway on Nov. 27. Mr. Thompson, who broke a leg in the accident, was on a motorcycle and attempted to pass a car driven by Albia Madama of New Brunswick as Mr. Madama was making a wide left turn.

Mr. Thompson admitted he was "exceeding the speed limit," and was fined \$11. Mr. Madama was found not guilty, as he had made the proper hand signals before turning.

## Gaynor Claims No Money Due To Kress Estate

Township Attorney Robert Gaynor will file an answer in Superior Court, Somerville, this week to a suit brought against the Township by Mrs. Veronica Kress of South Amboy.

Mrs. Kress, widow of Joseph G. Kress, who died July 22, 1954, claims the Township owes her \$3,500 due her husband for his services as financial consultant for installation of a municipal water system beginning on May 28, 1954.

Mr. Gaynor, holds however, that Mr. Kress was merely acting as an independent investment counselor who was to find a purchaser for the municipality's water bonds. Any compensation Mr. Kress received was to come as a commission from the bond buyers, he added. "He was not on salary and there was no agreement."

Vouchers asking for payment were submitted to the Township in November 1954 and June 1955. Mr. Kress died before any of the bonds were sold. His wife's complaint was filed Nov. 30 in the County Clerk's office. George Kress of South Amboy is her attorney.

### 6 FROM FRANKLIN MAKE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Six Township students are on the New Brunswick High School honor roll. They are Carol Bonasero, Janice Kraus, Madeline McKeon, Eleanor Mogor, Eleanor Szekeres and Timothy Milifuku.

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