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90-Lot Subdivision Given Tentative Approval by B'd

The Planning Board gave tentative approval Tuesday night to a subdivision plan submitted by Middlebush Estates Inc. covering 90 building lots off S. Middlebush Road.

Wendell W. Forbes, board chairman, announced the decision after an executive session during which the board considered the arguments of Heston Potts, attorney for the developers, and Township Engineer Raymond P. Wilson that the proposed lot sizes were in conformity with the zoning ordinance.

A legal question arose as to whether the original zoning ordinance or the amended code of September 1955 should govern the board's decision. The latter places additional restrictions on depth requirements of lots.

Should the old ordinance govern, the board's approval would be unconditional. If the new ordinance prevails, approval would be subject to approval of lot depth requirements by the Board of Adjustment.

Donald Buffa and Lewis H. Smith, the Middlebush developers, plan to sell lots in the tract and then build homes to order.

In another action, the board deferred decision on Ott Lattanzio's request for a minor subdivision of property on Easton Avenue until it has time to study his map further.

DANCE FOR PINE GROVERS TO BE HELD MARCH 23

A Youth Council dance for students of Pine Grove Manor school will be held in the school on March 23. The dance will be sponsored by the Pine Grove PTA.

Safety Study to Be Made By Lay Advisory Group

The Lay Advisory Committee last Thursday voted to conduct a study of safety conditions in the Township as they apply to students who walk to and from public schools.

Safety chairman Louis Loeb was instructed to look into existing safety measures and report at the next meeting. The study will be conducted at the request of the Board of Education.

Walter Campbell, former Lay Advisory chairman and now a member of the school board, acting as a representative of the latter group, presented the safety study plan to the committee.

Facilities Inadequate

Mr. Campbell reported that in the past there have been some efforts to provide safety measures for walking students, but that so far these measures have proven inadequate. He said he hoped that the school board and the committee could prepare a comprehensive program by September.

The solution would be a system of sidewalks along streets used by children who walk to school,



OVERFLOW SEWAGE, as photographed near Clyde Lane, is typical of Mayor James Maher's targets in a crusade to eliminate health hazards. Story at right.

Franklin Loses Appeal For Lower County Tax

Franklin Township's appeal to the Somerset County Board of Taxation for a reduction of its "true assessed valuation" was rejected this week. As a result, the municipality's county levy for 1956 is \$121,055.21, or \$29,879 more than it would have been under the old assessing system.

The new figure is the result of a county-wide re-valuation program based on the "true" value of real property.

State Rule Cited

Franklin Assessor Stephen C. Reid requested that the board base its figures of true valuation on transactions between the municipality and individuals. The tax group, citing a ruling of the State Board of Taxation, stated that since the municipally-owned land is not valued at the same ratio as privately owned property, such a standard would not be a reflection of true value.

he added. Under State law, students who live within two miles of a public school are not eligible for transportation on state-subsidized school buses.

"I realize, of course, that sidewalks are an impossibility at this time," Mr. Campbell stated. "There is an opportunity to improve on what many people consider to be a dangerous situation, however."

Courtney New Chairman

Elected as acting chairman to fill Mr. Campbell's unexpired term was Robert Courtney of 10 Elcott Street, Middlebush. He will serve until the May meeting when a full slate of officers will be elected.

Mr. Campbell was appointed to the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Dr. C. Rexford Davis, who resigned.

Mr. Courtney served as vice chairman prior to his election as acting chairman. He is a teacher in Montgomery Township.

Constitution chairman Adam Elchert was instructed to present a constitution and bylaws for

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Franklin was the only Somerset municipality to follow its appeal all the way through a hearing. Watchung and Warren townships, which also filed for reductions, withdrew their petitions before the board could reach a decision.

Under the new assessment system, this Township must now pay a higher additional tax than any other municipality in the county in order to equalize its assessment with the others.

The Decision

In a formal statement issued Monday by tax board secretary Lewis Gray, the board said of the Franklin appeal simply: "Stephen Reid, assessor for Franklin Township, presented the case of that community to the commissioners on March 5, when it was announced that the judgment would be rendered Monday, March 12, in keeping with State statutes. It was the board's final judgment that, upon investigation, there was no cause for action at this time."

The board, it was reported later, held that if municipally-owned land was sold to private individuals, the price realized would not equal actual market value and therefore could not provide a true criteria when compared with the real values of other properties.

For example, the board pointed out, if an acre of land was sold by the Township to an individual for \$2,000 and a neighboring acre was sold for \$3,000, the true value of the total of the two sales would not be reflected in the final assessment of property.

Therefore, the board argued, assessment for county purposes must be based on the local assessed valuation and revised upward, or downward, from that point.

The new levy against the Township was arrived at on the basis of a \$1.63 per \$100 assessed valuation. The \$1.63 is applied to the local assessed valuation figure, \$7,463,510. This rate was established to facilitate the computation of local budgets.

Actually, the county arrived at Franklin's share of its tax by using a rate of \$1.25 per \$100 assessed valuation, based on 18 percent of "true" value.

Maher Opens Crusade On Health Law Violators

Violations of health laws no longer will be tolerated in Franklin.

That's the edict issued Thursday night by Mayor James G. Maher to the Township Committee.

"We've got to take the bull by the horns," he told The News in outlining a policy to halt accumulation of conditions which threaten to become a serious health menace.

Seeks Concerted Effort

Franklin's health problem, he said, is the result of public lethargy and procrastination. No individuals or localities can be pointed out; it has become a matter not of individual blame but of individual responsibility, he stated.

Mr. Maher expressed the hope that a renewed public consciousness would result in a concerted cleanup effort. Ample notice will be given for the correction of unsatisfactory conditions. But if nothing is done, he continued, "drastic measures will be taken."

Areas for Action

Receiving particular attention will be the overloading of drainage facilities emptying into sanitary sewers.

Cesspools, Mr. Maher declared, must be drained or covered.

Dumping of garbage in back yards and hidden corners continues in some quarters despite public disapproval and must be stopped, and lots laden with junk must be cleared, the mayor asserted.

The Township health code forbids anyone keeping an auto junkyard, defined as more than two unlicensed cars, and this regulation also will be enforced, the mayor declared.

Another provision to be enforced, the mayor pointed out, is that forbidding the use of trailers as dwellings.

"It is necessary to take a stand now in order to stop the snowball effect that has brought these health problems," Mayor Maher said. "Don't expect to see miracles. But you can be certain that a concerted effort will be made to see the problems eliminated."

1956 Municipal Budget Approved

A municipal budget reflecting a 139-point increase in the tax rate was adopted Thursday night by the Township Committee. No opposition was voiced at the public hearing preceding passage.

The new rate is set at \$11.11 per \$100 assessed valuation, with school appropriations accounting for 116 points of the increase. Broken down, the budget rate allotments are: schools, \$7.80 per \$100; municipal purposes, \$2; county purposes, \$1.25, and library tax, \$.06. The county tax rose 14 points, while the library tax remained unchanged.

Road Repair Plans

Contained in the budget is an appropriation of \$32,187 earmarked for an anticipated deficit in the newly established water department. This is the second year funds have been allocated for that purpose, but it is expected that next year the department will become self-sustaining.

Mayor James G. Maher said that sizable increases in appropriations for salaries and wages and "other expenses" in the road repair and maintenance categories are the result of a "long overdue" road repair program now being planned. Salaries and wages for the road department were increased from \$25,000 to \$32,000 and other expenses were set at \$70,000, up \$35,000.

The Township is growing rapidly and can be expected to continue to grow, Mayor Maher said, "and for that reason, the road program is becoming increasingly important."

Strict Enforcement

Of equal importance, he continued, is a sound and well-enforced health program. Heretofore, he stated, violations of the health code have been neglected. But this will not be the case in the future.

Mr. Maher promised that a stiffer enforcement program will

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P. O. Survey To Determine If New Quarters Needed

Those folks who live in the Franklin Boulevard - Hamilton Street section of the Township may soon get some relief from inadequate postal facilities. They now have to fight New Brunswick traffic and parking problems to get to the post office there.

At last week's Township Committee meeting, Mayor James G. Maher announced that Donald A. Myers, regional director for the Philadelphia Post Office Depot, will begin shortly a survey of the area to determine the need for a new postal facility here. The area has a larger popula-

tion than Kingston, Franklin Park, Middlebush and East Millstone, each of which has its own post office.

To Enlarge Unit

While one part of the Township awaited survey results, another section was having its postal facility enlarged. This is the Middlebush post office, located on Railroad Square. Additional space is being provided for this unit by renovation of quarters formerly occupied by the Betsy Jones Sweet Shop in a building owned by Samuel Pillsbury.

Dems Convene In Middlebush

Democratic candidates and county officers were guests at a dinner-meeting of Democratic municipal vice-chairmen Friday evening in the Middlebush home of Mrs. Naomi Farnham, county vice-chairman.

Among those present were Francis C. Foley of Iselin, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress; Frank Sykes of Greenbrook, a candidate for freeholder; County Chairman Arthur Meredith, State Committeeman George Monahan, State Committeewoman Eleanor Rowe, county secretary Jeannette Quilty, and Dr. Hubert G. Schmidt, 1935 candidate for the Assembly.

Municipal vice-chairmen present were Mrs. Eileen Walsh of Manville, Miss Grace Guristic of Rocky Hill, Miss Beate Feller of Franklin, Mrs. Esther Herbst of Bridgewater, Mrs. Hannah Chudson of North Plainfield and Mrs. Helen Tensel of Green Brook.

At a business meeting following the dinner, the vice-chairwomen discussed plans for local and county activities preceding the Primary Election April 17.

Herd Association Re-elects Everett

SOUTH BRANCH—John E. Everett of New Center was re-elected president of the Somerset County Herd Improvement Association at its annual dinner meeting in the South Branch Church last Thursday.

Other officers named for the year were vice president, William H. V. Davis, New Center; secretary-treasurer, Myron Wengryn, New Center. Elected to the executive committee were Martin Van Nuys, Belle Mead; Warren Mathers, South Branch; Russell Hill, Neshanic, and George Reilymple, South Branch.

Mr. Mathers registered the high herd average for the year among members of the association with 12,746 pounds of milk and 481 pounds of butterfat per cow. Herbert Runyon of Millstone took second herd for fat with 457 pounds, followed by Sidney I. DeHart of Harlingen with 450 pounds per cow.

Second for milk production went to G. I. Runyon of Harlingen, 12,448 pounds, and third went to Herbert Runyon with 11,297 pounds per cow for the year.

Herds in the first section of the association averaged 10,110 pounds of milk and 392 pounds of butterfat per cow. The second section averaged 9,153 of milk and 346.9 pounds of butterfat.

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FIRE AUXILIARY HOLDS CARD PARTY TONIGHT

The Ladies Auxillary of the Kingston Fire Company will sponsor a card party in the firehouse tonight. Mrs. Anthony Bernard is general chairman.

The Auxillary will hold a baked ham supper March 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the firehouse. Mrs. Nicholas Briggs and Mrs. Matthew Moran are co-chairmen of the supper committee.

'Old Time Review' Opens Tonight

An "Old Time Review," including period costumes and characterizations of historical personalities, will be presented tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30 in the Six Mile Run Reformed Church by the Women's Service League of the church.

Archie Anderson is director of the review. Mrs. James R. Davey is general chairman. Other chairmen are Mrs. Albert DeVries, music; Mrs. Edgar Suydam, tickets, and Mrs. William Bennett, refreshments.

With the PTAs

The Parent Education & Exceptional Child Committee, under the auspices of the Middlebush PTA, is planning a series of discussions with the objective of better acquainting the public with goals and methods of American education.

Sampson G. Smith, county superintendent of schools, will be the first speaker in the series at the PTA meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Middlebush school.

Dr. Ralph Gallagher, superintendent of the Bound Brook school system, will be the second speaker in the series on a date to be announced later.

STATE LEGION COMMANDER IN WARREN TOMORROW

Don Hart of Bridgeton, State Commander of the American Legion, will address the Somerset County Committee of the Legion tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Mantz-Cavaliere Post No. 293, Warren Township.

He will discuss the proposed veterans' security bill now under study in the House of Representatives and state and national programs.

GRANGE MEETING

The next regular meeting of Millstone Valley Grange 146 will be held Tuesday night in the Grange Hall, East Millstone, instead of Monday. Radio personality Eddie Dunn of station WOR will make a transcription of certain parts of the meeting for future presentation on his program, "I Ask You."

Church News

GRIGGSTOWN REFORMED
New officers of the Ladies Aid Society of the Griggstown Reformed Church are Mrs. Mathias Hoyvik, president; Mrs. Raymond Hoagland and Mrs. Merie W. Hoogheem, vice-presidents; Mrs. Otto Karl, secretary; Mrs. Sidney I. DeHart, treasurer. The society will give a cafeteria supper April 21.

Officers of the newly-formed Guild of the Griggstown Reformed Church are Mrs. George Dyraten, president; Mrs. Ralph Tjamsdal, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Birkland, secretary; Mrs. Ole Arnesen, treasurer. The group will meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Arnesen at 8 p.m.

The Young Women's League will hold a roast beef supper Saturday night in the firehouse. Mrs. Arne Skaar is program chairman. Servings will be at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Call FL 9-5385 or PR 1-4009-W for reservations.

MIDDLEBUSH REFORMED
The Ladies Aid Society will hold its Spring turkey supper Saturday with servings at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

On the supper committee are Mrs. George Cuddy, Mrs. Steve Kopsco, Mrs. Cornelius Cuddy, Mrs. Harvey McClure, Mrs. Russell Reid and Mrs. Arthur Rousseau. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Robert Greenlaw at CH 9-2069.

The E.M.M. Missionary Society will meet Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Benjamin Stanton. Miss A. Slocum and Mrs. G. Slocum will present the topic, "The Overseas Chinese."

There will be 10,000,000 PTA members in this country by the end of 1936. So estimates Mrs. Rollin Brown, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers Association.

3 LECTURE PROGRAMS FOR JERSEY FIREMEN

The New Jersey State Fire College, a division of the New Jersey State Safety Council, is planning two programs of lecture sessions on fire fighting techniques to accommodate fire fighters in both the north and south areas of the state. Both of the series are open to paid and volunteer firemen and members of plant brigades, according to Charles Y. Kniss, president of the State Fire College.

The north area sessions will be held in the auditorium of Baringer High School, Newark, on five consecutive Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., starting March 28. The south area sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Camden County Vocational School, Merchantville, on five consecutive Tuesdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m., starting April 3.

Five subjects will be covered in the sessions: "Ventilation," "Precautions Covering Electrical Hazards Encountered in Fire Fighting," "Building Inspections for Fire Prevention," "Effective Use of Water Fog as an Extinguishing Agent" and "Mutual Aid and Civil Defense."

HANSEN ELECTED TO HEAD FRANKLIN ROD & GUN CLUB

Charles Hansen, Robert Wolfe and Arthur Blainchard have been elected president, vice-president and trustee, respectively, of the Franklin Rod & Gun Club.

UN "BAKE SALE" SCHEDULED BY WOMEN DEMOCRATS

The Women's Democratic Club of Franklin Township will hold its second annual "United Nations" bake sale tomorrow evening and Saturday morning in John & Al's Supermarket. Members will prepare "old country" food specialties for sale to the public.

Sale chairman is Mrs. Arthur Stickle of Home Street. She will be assisted by Mrs. Louis Gees, 575 Hamilton Street. Mrs. Morgan Upton, Middlebush, Miss Beate Feller, Lincoln Highway, and Mrs. Daniel Fernandez, Copper Mine Road.

-Births-

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In Somerset Hospital
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The age of the high powered advertising buckster is with us here in Somerset, and there's little to be done about it. The use of the gimmick and the "educated" con man already has descended to things like Freeholder Primary contests.

Local politicians are taking a lesson from Ike and the boys who helped elect him in '52, when a large share of the credit for the G.O.P. victory was heaped on Batton, Barton, Durstine & Osborne, an ad agency which hires some of the shrewdest copy writers to be found on Madison Avenue. It was BBD&O movie which helped make Ike a political hero to the Democrats and Independents who put him in office, according to ad alley legend.

Today in Somerset we find the Republican Primary campaigns for the Freeholder nomination also are wrapped in with would-be BBD&O tycoons, Dan Conroy and C. I. Van Cleef staking much of their dreams on Somerset's amateur press agency.

Just as sure as Davy Crockett ever kill a b'ar, you can be sure that some of the journals will be using the old, weary headlines every week between now and Primary Day.

C. I.'s "news" copy has been the product of a chap who writes for a national magazine in New York City, a magazine by the name of Forbes. Dan's releases are being prepared by a former daily editor. And the story is

going the rounds that both candidates are looking for still more writing talent with which to bring truth to the masses.

Through C. I.'s ghost in recent weeks have come some fine and lofty thoughts attributed to the veteran incumbent. One of these "news" releases claimed C. I. was the first Somerset official to provide praise for the privately-endowed planning report on Somerset which was turned over to the public by Phil Hofmann of Johnson & Johnson, Ethicon Sutures, and other points in and near our fair territory.

Such a public statement via the mimeograph machine surprises a lot of reporters who bound C. I. almost every Friday for just a shred of his sentiment on a given issue. In answer to questions, a newsboy usually gets a hearty chuckle and a palzy-walzy slap on the back, and before you can say "Robert L. Adams," you realize C. I. never did give an answer to the query.

C. I.'s lack of vocal thunder, however, didn't stop his ghost from oozing out a jewel about two weeks ago. In this choice "news" release, which made our wastebasket with a short underhand shot, the venerable C. I. took credit for County Counsel Bob Thompson's successful court fight to retain some \$1,800 confiscated in a raid on the sweet shop of convicted Raritan pookie John Salerno.

Yessiree! Mister Van Cleef's publicist decided to enter the field of jurisprudence and law enforcement for his client this time. In the words of Kid Van Cleef, 'twas a stroke of genius that told him Bob Thompson was the man for that counsel job in January after 25 years of counseling with Grover Kipsey. So now the County has Salerno's funny money in the till, about \$1,800 before deducting Mister Thompson's fee for the three-day litigation.

One of the thoughts that come to us as we peruse C. I.'s "news" is that he suddenly has assumed the prose style of a Harvard grammarian.

Now then, even C. I.'s bitterest political enemies can't help but love the guy for his honey, backwoods twang. Typical Van Cleef observations such as "Now, that's all there is onto it," never appear in his publicity quotations, and we believe his ghosts are making a fabulous faux pas. The boys behind the mimeo wheels would do their client a lot more good if they pictured him as he is, and not as he ain't.

But such are the ways of Somerset's Keningways and Maughams. It's their version of

the same garbage we see too often, the pitch that makes us eat our favorite breakfast food or smoke our brand of butts. The next logical wrinkle would be singing commercials waiting down from helicopters hanging over the Raritan River. Just picture an aerial loudspeaker blasting the atmosphere with the refrain:

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As many successful bucksters can testify, corny ads often have a terrifying way of selling more products than all the fancy packages and give-away schemes devised. All based, to be sure, on the theory that if you can annoy them by repetition of a strident cry, they'll buy. This is the credo of the guys who sell soap suds, and it's becoming the modus operandi of the local political publicists.

MISS SMITH APPOINTED ASSISTANT 4-H LEADER

Miss Clara Ann Smith of Wilmington, O., has been appointed assistant 4-H extension leader, Lindley G. Cook, associate director of the Extension Service in Agriculture & Home Economics, Rutgers University, announced this week.

Miss Smith will assist with the administration of 4-H Club work in New Jersey. With headquarters in the 4-H office on the College of Agriculture campus in New Brunswick, she will work in association with Rollyn P. Winters, who is in charge of 4-H work in the state.

4 Persons Hurt In 3-Car Crash

Four people were injured, two seriously, in a three-car accident last Thursday afternoon which saw one of the vehicles burst into flames when its gas tank exploded.

Taken to St. Peter's Hospital with contusions, lacerations and possible fractures were John F. Stevenson, 27, of 182 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, and Adam J. Phillips, 26, of 140 6th Street, Wyoming, Pa., who were in Mr. Stevenson's car.

Two Franklin Township women, occupants of another vehicle, also were taken to St. Peter's Hospital but were released after treatment for shock

and minor injuries. They were Mrs. Violet Chabot, 58, of 325 Hamilton Street, and Mrs. Fortunata DiGiovanni, 27, of Austin Avenue.

Police said the accident occurred when Mr. Stevenson drove his car into the rear of the DiGiovanni machine, which was making a left turn off Easton Avenue near Austin Avenue. The Stevenson car then sideswiped an oncoming car driven by Arthur Buesing, 33, of Bound Brook, careened against the opposite curb and crashed against a telephone pole.

Mrs. DiGiovanni and Mrs. Chabot managed to get out of their auto just as it burst into flames. Mr. Buesing and his passenger, Louis Masucci, 41, also of Bound Brook, were uninjured.

Called to the scene were a New Brunswick city ambulance, an ambulance of the Community Rescue Squad, the Community Fire Company and the East Franklin Fire Company. Lt. Russell Pfeiffer and Patrolman Lawrence Collier investigated.

Upon his release from the hospital, Mr. Stevenson will be given a summons for reckless driving, police said.

Some economists have calculated that by 1965 every American will be using about 840 gallons of petroleum every year.

Mrs. Theresa Bonesch
Funeral services for Mrs. Theresa Bonesch of Jacques Lane, who died Friday in her home, were held Saturday morning in the Maher Funeral Home, New Brunswick, and St. Joseph's Church, East Mifflin. The Rev. John Adamowski celebrated a Requiem Mass. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

Mrs. Bonesch was the widow of John Bonesch.

MRS. STEVENSON HEADS GRIGGETOWN FUND DRIVE

Mrs. W. W. Stevenson has been appointed chairman of the Griggstown division of the New Brunswick American Red Cross fund drive. Assisting her are the following volunteer workers and the areas they will cover:

Mrs. Mathias Hoyvik, Mrs. P. Skodacek, Mrs. E. Merrill, Mrs. John Mortensen, Mrs. D. Donahue, Mrs. Albert Fitzgerold, Mrs. T. W. Eckels, Malcolm McHugh, John Vogt, Lief Larsen, and W. W. Stevenson, Canal Road.

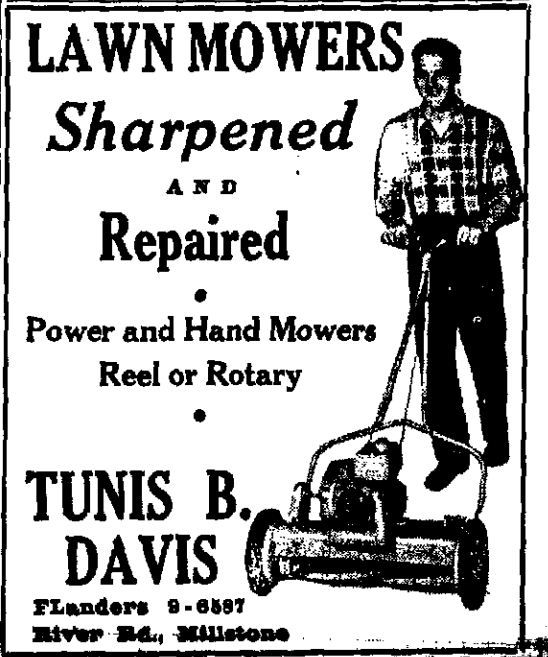
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Collins Marks 50th Year in Banking

Ford I. Collins, president of the Board Brook Trust Co., celebrated his 50th anniversary as a banker yesterday. He was guest of honor at a dinner given at the bank by the bank's employees.



Ford I. Collins

Mr. Collins has had a varied career in the field. He started as a messenger with the old Essex County National Bank in Newark when he was 15. Four years later he went to New York and became a clerk-teller at the former Farmers Loan & Trust Co. During his stay there he graduated from the American Institute of Banking.

After four years of military duty during which he saw service on the Mexican border and in France in World War I, Mr. Collins joined the Cranford Trust Co. and in 1929 became assistant secretary and treasurer there. He joined the Board Brook Trust Co. as assistant treasurer three years later. In 1936, he was named to the board of directors and in 1939 he became vice-president. He was elected president in 1934.

Mr. Collins was president of the New Jersey Bankers Association in 1937 and at present is honorary vice-president and a member of the executive committee. Last year he was elected a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

He is a member and past president of the Board Brook Rotary Club and served five years as president of the Bridgewater Township Board of Education and two years as a member of the Township Committee there.

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For New Customers For Telephones

Starting residential and industrial development in New Jersey since the end of World War II has made it necessary for New Jersey Bell Telephone to divide its operating territory into six units rather than five divisions, the company said.

The sixth division will be created through realignment of boundaries of existing divisions. At the same time, the names of two existing divisions will be changed.

As homes and factories rise on what had been farm and woodland only a few years ago, wood-pulp-related demands have been made on the contractor for expansion of its facilities, Bell Tel explained.

At the end of 1965, New Jersey Bell telephones in the state total'd 2,322,000, or three times more than were in service 15 years ago. That tremendous increase has required proportionate increases in all other types of telephone equipment, such as cable and buildings. Employment also has been on the upswing.

The Plainfield and Elizabeth districts will be taken from the existing Central Division to form the Racine Division with headquarters in Elizabeth.

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION TO BE COMMITTEE AIM

Community leaders of Somerset County will attend a meeting tonight in the Somerset County Guidance Center, 217 W. Main Street, Somerville, to discuss formation of a committee which will initiate a county-wide program of education for mental health.

Chairman of the meeting will be Mrs. E. W. Curran of Peapack. A member of the board of trustees of the Somerset County Guidance Center, Mrs. E. W. Curran, another member of the board, is assisting her.

Mrs. Curran said the meeting was called to sound out representatives of Somerset residents on the formation of a permanent organization for mental health education, particularly in the prevention and early detection of mental illness. Such an organization would work through community groups such as parent-teacher associations, church bodies, service clubs, professional associations, women's groups and others. About 150 persons have been invited.

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Your Garden This Week

By CHARLES H. CONNORS
Rutgers University

TRANSPIRATION QUICKENS

Strong blustering winds that usually occur in March are the ones that cause most damage to evergreens of all types. The soil is likely to be frozen, so that even under a mulch, the roots may not be able to absorb moisture as fast as it is transpired or evaporated from the leaves.

Transpiration is a continuous process with evergreens, even in winter, but it is accelerated by strong breezes.

The result is that some narrow-leaved evergreens turn yellowish or brown. In the case of broad-leaved evergreens, such as mountain laurel, rhododendrons, azaleas, and similar plants, the wind-increased transpiration, especially where twigs or branches are weak, may result in shriveling and death of leaves and twigs.

Of course, any evergreens that were planted last Fall should have had some sort of wind-break when Winter came on, but it is not too late to help even these.

Protection Helps

In the case of azaleas which may have the flower buds in the tips of the twigs, some protection now may help to pull them through. The weather during most of the Winter has been such as to retard flower bud development and hence there is less danger of this loss.

What is needed is not complete coverage, but enough to break the full force of the winds. A couple of stakes driven into the ground on the windward side with burlap fastened between them will usually suffice.

I have seen posts set up, connected by wires and cornstalks laid against these. Snow fence is almost ideal. You can construct something of the sort from plaster lath. If you can get small reed cedar trees, these are excellent.

Where you have azaleas exposed to the south, something that will cast a moving shadow across the tops will be a help. This prevents the sun from falling on the tops for too long a time. Even branches of shrubs or trees will serve this purpose.

Time to Beware Of Shysters Who Sell "Fertilizer"

This is the season for unwary home owners to get hooked by fast-talking lawn spread salesmen.

Dr. Stacy B. Randle, state chemist at the Agricultural Experiment Station of Rutgers University, is sounding the alarm again, as he has in years past, to protect the public from certain itinerant peddlers.

These are the men who stop a truck in front of a home, spread a bushel of dark, rich-looking material on the lawn, then ring the doorbell and go into a rapid-fire pitch about the merits of their product, which they probably call fertilizer. They quote a price of so many cents a bushel, and if the home owner or his wife accepts their proposition they go to work.

A few minutes and many bushels later, the salesman presents a bill that may take this year's garden budget—and next year's

New Plastic Panties Are Tops in Baby Wear

BY EDNA MILES

BIGGEST drawback to plastic panties for babies so far has been, as all mothers know, a tendency to develop cracks, hard spots and peeled places after a few washings.

But now, one manufacturer has this problem licked. He's brought out panties in a new, silky-feeling vinyl plastic that's shadow checked for chic and full cut for unlimited activity.

Mothers will find that after many washings, these new, waterproof panties will stay soft, will not irritate baby's skin. To eliminate chafing and blading, a fine, elastized ruching has been used to edge waist and legs. And they can be washed either by hand or by machine.

These come in white only and are budget-priced. They're also sized by your baby's weight, starting at small and going all the way up to extra-large.

A whole wardrobe of these panties makes life easier for mother. That is, buy three: one to wash, one to wear and one for the drawer. This is applying the same common-sense rule you use for your own lingerie supply.



Perfect garb for baby are machine-washable plastic panties. They're said to stay soft through many launderings.

too. But instead of "fertilizer" the slip reads "lawn spread."

Dr. Randle, who as state chemist has charge of enforcement of the state fertilizer law, says his office has analyzed many samples

of lawn spread sent in by indignant citizens. None of the samples meet fertilizer law requirements. Usually the material con-

sists of tea leaves, spent mushroom manure or similar stuff with

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MORE FLEXIBLE KITCHEN

A trend toward modular units in kitchen equipment and cabinets was noticeable at this year's major appliance market in Chicago.

"Modular" means the equipment can be easily installed or moved and usually is made in multiples of four inches, a measurement commonly used by architects and builders. The new units will fit together more easily either in an entirely new kitchen or with existing counters and cabinets.

Modular kitchen equipment helps answer the demand for built-ins, such as ovens, but cuts installation costs. When first introduced, waist-high ovens either had to be recessed into a wall or they required a custom-built cabinet if the unit extended into the kitchen. Some of the new separate "modular" ovens can be placed on a counter. Two ovens can be installed, one on top of the other or side by side horizontally with no extra enclosing cabinet necessary. They are truly free-standing but have the built-in advantages. They are not bolted to the wall and can be moved without removing anything but the electric plug.

Elevator Oven

With a few makes the entire cooking center is modular—oven and surface units, cabinets, counters and wall cupboards. It does not have to be bolted to the wall. In fact such a unit could be used as a room divider. One free-standing modular oven introduces another feature. It can be lowered or raised. With this push button elevator oven, work space at counter height is available when the oven is lowered and the oven can be raised for convenient loading.

To eliminate burning of foods, automatic controls are being used to regulate the heat on either gas burners or electric units. Thermostatic regulators were

shown on both the divided units and the regular ranges.

To meet the increasing popularity of small electrical appliances, some centers have counters, shelves and outlets so that several different appliances can be used at the same time. The center will fit in with standard sized cabinets and furnishes space for storing the appliances as well as for using them in the same location.

SPRING BREAKS INTO PRINT

With the approach of Spring there is a profusion of distinctive prints to brighten our wardrobes.

Prints this Spring and Summer will be more varied, more colorful and more popular. Some prints look like they are hand drawn on the fabric. Others are embroidered onto the cloth, and some take on a three-dimensional effect with the new process for multicolor printing being used. All-over designs and neat or conventional patterns are always in favor.

When you see the new prints, you'll surely want a new print dress. But keep becoming design in mind when you buy it. Even though fashion in fabric design changes from season to season, the standard for judging good design in prints remains the same.

More, Less Striking

If the elements of a design are packed together closely, the pattern attracts less attention than when they are widely separated. If there is a strong contrast between light and dark values, the pattern is more conspicuous than when values are similar. Bold, striking designs require a forceful personality and a perfect figure. Exotic or very unusual prints are best for gay special occasions and should be considered only if you are able to have a fairly large wardrobe.

Some printed fabrics are lovely in yard goods but require a great deal of time and thought in planning to get unity in the gar-

ment design when cutting. Also, prints have a great effect on the wearer's figure. If you are small, consider your size and select small scale designs. Large patterns look best if you are tall and well proportioned.

TEST WATER TEMPERATURE

When washing directions for an article read, "Use warm water," how do you decide whether the water is of the right temperature?

Exactness is more important now that we have so many kinds of fabrics in the laundry basket. Although manufacturers usually offer directions, some interpretation is necessary.

One thing is sure, the temperature setting of the hot water tank is no guide since a drop of 10 degrees between the tank and the wash water is common, and there's even a greater difference sometimes.

Use Thermometer

The best way to find out is to test the water with a thermometer once in a while. Hand testing can't be done for really hot water and lower temperatures seldom can be determined accurately.

Hot water is between 140 and 180 degrees, far too hot for your hands. White cottons and linens stay white longer when washed in this temperature. Bed linens, white towels, T shirts, shorts, handkerchiefs, shirts (including light colored ones) need hot water. Colorfast cottons and linens wash cleaner in hot water, too. One precaution should be taken, however. Remove stains that will be "set" by heat before plunging articles into hot water.

Lukewarm water—never higher than 110 degrees—is recommended for cottons and linens that are not colorfast. Unfortunately, such articles often require separate hand laundry to avoid discoloring other pieces.

A warm wash is 110 to 120 de-

grees. While this is suggested for silk, not everyone is agreed that it is the temperature for white man-made fibers such as nylon, dacron, acetate and rayon. Some experiments show that it is best because some fabrics may not take kindly to hotter water due to their finish. Others have found that white man-made fibers can be washed with white cottons and linens in hot water. All do agree that white man-made fibers must never be washed at any temperature with other colored fabrics even those known to be colorfast. Nylon, particularly, picks up other colors very easily. There seems to be agreement that colored man-made fibers keep their color better when washed in warm water.

Cool water, usually recommended for woolens, is 100 degrees."

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A Few Facts of Life

For those who might be skeptical about our constant editorializing on the need for bringing new, reliable, clean industry to this part of Somerset, we recommend a review of municipal budgets which have been adopted recently herabouts.

If you think figures can lie, we suggest most heartily that you do not append this idiomatic shrug of the shoulders to these hard-to-swallow figures. Disregarding these numbers will get you no place promptly, for they are practical, realistic items in our everyday lives. Besides, whether or not you are fond of budgetary digits, if you are a property owner you will have to pay the treasurer when his tax bill comes around.

Instead of squirming at the high cost of community affairs, take a hard, fast look at the facts of budgetary life and see for yourself why local governments, aided and abetted by sincere civic groups, had better start doing something about their plight and attempt to plot their financial futures.

Without getting too involved in fiscal mathematics, here are a few choice morsels for consideration:

Hillsborough's tax rate is up 149 points, though the rate for strictly municipal government purposes did not increase over 1955. What caused the rise? Schools! Schools and a few new points on the County's tax rate have put Hillsborough's tax bite up to \$9.26 per \$100 assessed valuation. Of Hillsborough's \$481,143.78 budget, the schools will draw \$371,685.72. With new homes rising all the time, and additional students being enrolled, how long will the homeowner and farmer be able to carry the increasing load?

Look at Franklin Township as another example of the growing cost of community life where

industry is not represented substantially on the tax rolls. Franklin, which like Montgomery Township has seen the light and created an Industrial Commission to alleviate the situation for the future, approved its 1956 budget last week, and the tax rate is up 139 points over 1955 — \$11.11 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Of each \$11.11 the taxpayer will put in the treasury \$7.80 will be allocated to school purposes. Franklin is growing, like other communities in the area, but mainly in residential fashion. How long will the home owner and farmer in this municipality be able to carry the load?

Manville with a rate of \$10.76 — up 127 points — and a total budget of \$378,190.92, finds itself allocating 582 points for schools. Manville provides many more services than most other communities in Somerset, including sewage disposal and water supply plants and full time police protection, but consider what its tax rate might be if the municipality did not have a major industry within its confines?

The situation is quite similar almost everywhere you turn in this part of Somerset: New homes, with many more to come; new schools, with more to come; demands for additional municipal services — but too few industrial and retail taxpayers to help carry the burden.

The influx of new residents into our midst has hardly neared its peak, no less bit it, and this is a trend which cannot be halted. Let's not try to halt it. Let's try to meet it with an intelligent approach to the tax problem.

In the eastern floods in 1955 Boy Scouts engaged in rescue, delivered food and drinking water, and served as messengers for relief officials.

How to Provide Opportunity for Crippled Kiddies

Rehabilitation chances of thousands of handicapped people depend on what 22,000 Somerset County residents do with Easter Seals now in their hands, Mrs. Robert W. Cornelson, County Seal chairman, said today.

The Easter Seal stamps were distributed as part of the annual Easter Seal Appeal of New Jersey Society for Crippled Children and Adults which opened last Saturday. The appeal will end April 10, nine days after Easter Sunday. The state goal is \$300,000.

More than 2,000 New Jersey residents are now receiving rehabilitation services through Easter Seal-supported projects, Mrs. Cornelson said. One rehabilitation center is the Somerset Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center in School No. 2, Somerville, operated by New Jersey Society in cooperation with a group of Somerset Elks lodges and the Crippled Children Bureau. But there are still more physically handicapped people, she added, who are still not receiving the rehabilitation services they need if they are to have a chance to lead the best, productive useful lives, possible for them.

"Contributions from our Somerset County residents for the Easter Seals now in their hands, Mrs. Cornelson declared, "will make possible the continuation of the Easter Seal projects here in Somerset County as well as other statewide projects—the opportunity for expansion—and hopefully the establishment of new projects for our crippled children and adults. Easter Seals are not offered for sale, but rather as a symbol of help and service for the handicapped and a request for as generous an Easter Seal gift as the recipient wishes to make."

Easter Pay Raid



Of Books, Plays & Sundry Things...

On the Book Shelf

Recommended reading for a Sunday afternoon (all volumes available in paper bound editions):

"The Catcher in the Rye" is J. D. Salinger's exploration of the mind of an intelligent and sensitive adolescent. But the novel bears no resemblance to the usual torturous analysis of the teen-age soul composed by one of Katherine Anne Porter's Smith College imitators. Salinger's hero, Holden Caulfield, is thrown out of prep school (not for the first time) and, unable to face his parents at the moment, goes underground in New York for a weekend.

It is impossible to adequately describe Salinger's style. His unexpected and yet wonderfully apt phrases are uproariously funny. It is impossible to read the book without laughing out loud at every page. At the same time, the book evidences Salinger's great sympathy with the adolescent boy groping blindly for himself. But there is no trace in the book of either sentimentality or pathos—only of understanding.

It is quite a number of years since Dick Powell played the lead in the movie made from Graham Greene's mystery novel, "This Gun for Hire." We never saw the picture, so we can offer no comparisons with the book, but we can say that the book is certainly a rare thriller.

Since he wrote it, Greene has moved out of the mystery field almost entirely and has achieved great acclaim as a writer of philosophically significant novels. "This Gun for Hire" shows signs of the concern with sin and guilt which has become Greene's chief preoccupation. The heroine finds herself in a strange situation. Her human kindness forces her to befriend the very killer her policeman-fiancee is hunting. The build-up to the exciting climax is as tense as any in an Earle Stanley Gardner mystery, but a further dimension of meaning is added by the relationship between the girl and the harlequin killer who has never known a single kindness.

Another novel which made a

memorable movie quite a long time ago is "The Informer" by Liam O'Flaherty. This nerve-racking tale of the Dublin slums deals with the fate of Gyppo Nolan who ratted on his best friend, an Irish revolutionary, wanted for a political murder. Gyppo, a huge, stupid man, turns out to be capable of more emotions than he ever thought himself capable of—guilt, fear and sympathy, to name but a few.

"The Great Gatsby" is F. Scott Fitzgerald's best completed novel. It epitomizes the spirit of the Twenties—the frenzied search for no one quite knew what. Jay Gatsby rose from nowhere to the very top of the economic ladder—and not by merit either. Merit was all right for Horatio Alger, but in the Twenties luck is what counted. Fantastically wealthy, host at fabulous Long Island parties, handsome, intelligent, mysterious—it looked as if, in terms of his own times, Gatsby had everything. But of course he is denied the one thing he wants—a certain woman. Jay Gatsby has not quite made it. No one can ever quite make it, of course. No one ever does have everything. The implication is, however, that perhaps Gatsby did not go about getting what he wanted in quite the right way.

There is more than a little of Fitzgerald's own tragedy in Gatsby's.

—Barb

FLOOD CONTROL TO BE MAIN TOPIC AT ANNUAL MEETING

Adequate control of destructive flood waters and conservation and development of water and land resources will be major topics at the 43rd national convention of the National Rivers & Harbors Congress on May 11 and 12 in Washington, D. C.

Also to be studied are the needs for appropriations for flood control, navigation, soil conservation and multi-purpose projects authorized by Congress. Flood and disaster insurance, maintenance of river and harbor channels, the need for a ready merchant marine, and national defense requirements.

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In the Mail

These Teacher Colleges

Editor, The News:
Congratulations to "Barb" for her column of March 3, "What Are Teachers Learning?" Unfortunately, the mumbo-jumbo that is passed off as education of teachers is attaining the status of a science. With so much emphasis placed on teaching method instead of course content, it's no wonder that so many of our children are appallingly ignorant after 12 years of concentrated "education."

How wonderful it would be if some Board of Education somewhere decided to evaluate the quality of the education its schools were offering instead of spending all of its time on weighing the advantages of blue walls over pink. Then perhaps our teachers' colleges would begin to take stock.

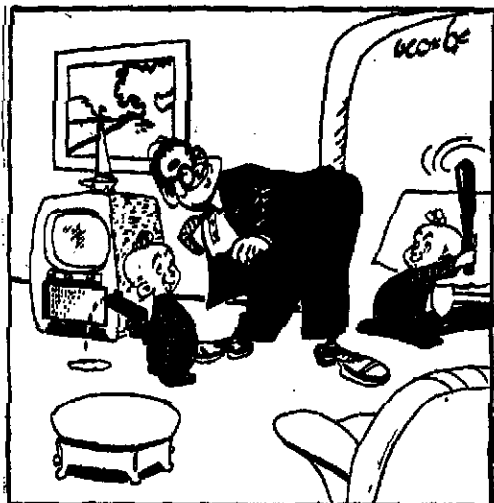
Critical

At present rates of postage the Post Office Department is losing \$1,000 a minute, according to postal officials. They urge approval of President Eisenhower's recommendations to Congress for a raise in postal rates.

The continent of Antarctica is estimated to be an area of six million square miles—approximately the area of the United States and Europe combined.

TICKLERS

By George



"This is wonderful—one of the twins wants uncle to kiss him good night!"

County Industrial Agency Proposed by Van Cleef

Creation of an industrial division of the Somerset County Planning Board will be proposed at tomorrow's meeting of the Board of Freeholders. It was announced today by Freeholder C. I. Van Cleef.

This was one of the week's major developments within Republican ranks, where a spirited campaign is being waged between Mr. Van Cleef and Mayor Daniel Conroy for the party's freeholder nomination.

Earlier this week, Freeholder Robert L. Adams announced he would support Mr. Conroy for the nomination, another indication of how wide is the beach between Mr. Adams, former director of the board, and his two G.O.P. colleagues, Director Henry Fetherston and Mr. Van Cleef.

There was news in Democratic ranks, too, as another name was filed for the 5th District

congressional nomination. The latest entry is Francis C. Foley of Iselin, who will run against T. Ellis Kirkham of Watchung. Mr. Van Cleef announced his industrial division proposal as a "safeguard" against unsuitable industries "lurking at our doorstep."

Agreeing that Somerset needs new ratables, he emphasized that "we need the right kind." Industry, he maintained, "could be our best friend or our worst enemy."

In declaring his support for Mayor Conroy, Mr. Adams stated that "It is heartening to see a young, progressive and, above all, conscientious man of demonstrated ability toss his hat in the ring."

It is important, he stated, "that the Republicans in Somerset County have an opportunity to select a candidate, not just elect a candidate who has been imposed upon them."

County's Sandbag Traffic Pattern An Iron Curtain, Auto Dealer Says

The most recent effort to solve the Bound Brook underpass problem came under fire Friday at the Board of Freeholders meeting.

George R. Bolmer, owner of the Bolmer Motor Car Co. E. Main Street, Bound Brook, advised the board in a letter that the sandbags placed at the north entrance to the underpass several months ago by the County road department have "practically stopped us from entering our place of business without violating the traffic pattern."

The sandbags were placed there to mark an experimental channel for traffic entering the underpass from the north. The underpass is one of the major arteries between northern Middlesex County and central Somerset.

The blockade in front of the Bolmer garage has "practically ruined our gas trade, as customers are afraid of accidents and violating traffic regulations", the letter claimed.

Mr. Bolmer said the Bound Brook Mayor & Council requested the sandbags without "consideration to our inconvenience and the serious business loss."

No Space for Witnesses

The board received a letter from Prosecutor Leon Gerofsky requesting the use of Room 404 in the Administration Building, formerly occupied by the County Planning Board.

Mr. Gerofsky said he has been forced to "park witnesses in the halls during trials because of a lack of space. The matter was referred to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Salary Share Increased

Superior Court Judge Frederick W. Hall notified the board that the Somerset County share of his secretary's salary has been increased to 22 percent of the five-county total. Judge Hall said the increase from 17 percent was necessary because Ocean County

had been dropped from his schedule, thus increasing the burden of the other five counties.

Somerset's share of the salary of Mrs. Cynthia Dixon, his secretary, is set at \$825 a year. Under the schedule, Morris County pays the largest share, 40 percent, followed by Somerset with 22, Hunterdon 14, Sussex 8, and Warren 7.

New Cars Requested

The board was asked by the County Extension Service to advertise for two 1956 Chevrolet cars to replace two 1954 cars now being used by the farm agent and the associate club agent.

Freeholder Robert Adams announced that he has arranged a meeting with management and union officials at Dishl Manufacturing Co., Finderne Road, to discuss the traffic situation in front of the plant.

An agreement between the New Jersey Telephone Co. and the board to permit the company the use of county thoroughfares and bridges to erect telephone poles and install sub-surface wiring was referred to County Counsel Robert Thompson.

Although the company has been using the roads and bridges for many years, it never has had a formal agreement with the county. The agreement, if approved, would be effective for 50 years.

Monthly Report Issued by Police

The Franklin Police department worked 947 hours, traveled 8,085 miles, received 171 telephone calls, made 142 investigations, 24 arrests and issued seven warnings during February, Chief Ed F. Voorhees reported Thursday to the Township Committee.

Two-thirds of the arrests and the largest number of investigations were for traffic violations.

The report also gave official notice of the forthcoming dog census and warned that owners of unlicensed dogs will be subject to fine in accordance with a State Department of Health law.

With the PTAs

Pine Grove Manor PTA will hold its next meeting on Tuesday in Pine Grove Manor school. A bake sale under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Milton Stoll and Mrs. Lawrence Scofield, will be held at that time, and classrooms will be visited.

The Hamilton PTA held its regular meeting Tuesday in Hamilton school with 3rd Grade mothers acting as hostesses. "High Wall," a film, was shown, and Mrs. Angelo Endrizzi reported that the card party held Feb. 24 netted \$65. The attendance award was given to Mrs. Steven Reed's 3rd Grade class.

At its next meeting on April 10, a penny sale with Mrs. Sally Jackson as chairman and a talent show with Mrs. Richard Fisher as chairman will be held.

Safety Study to Be Made

1956 Municipal Budget Approved

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go into effect immediately to rid the Township of public health menaces.

New Water Line

The Committee introduced an ordinance which will give a 25-year franchise to the Bound Brook Water Company to maintain and construct a water line in the Elizabeth Avenue area adjacent to South Bound Brook, an area currently under development.

The water firm and the Somerset Hills Company, the developer, will bear the expense of the water line, which can revert to the Township prior to the expiration of the franchise if the Township chooses to exercise a purchase option.

Cottage cheese is creamy, fine-textured. Pot cheese is drier, more crumbly. Which one is better is largely a matter of personal preference. Whatever your choice, have some with fruit. Pot cheese and sour cherries makes a filling and low-calorie snack.

consideration at the March 28 meeting in the Kingston school. The group has had no formal constitution since it was organized last year.

A letter from board president Leonard Bardsley, thanking the committee for its part in promoting the recent successful new schools referendum was read.

Questions were raised about the absence of girls' showers in the two schools to be constructed. It was pointed out that boys' showers are provided for, but that the girls', under present plans, will lack such facilities.

No action was taken on the matter, although some members indicated they would bring it up again at the next meeting.

DELEGATES TO ATTEND 4-H COLLEGE WEEKEND

The Somerset County 4-H Club has received an invitation to send a boy and a girl as delegates to the 4-H College Weekend at Rutgers University and Douglass College, May 4-8. The weekend is sponsored by the Rutgers University 4-H Club.

Selection of two delegates plus two alternates must be made by April 2. Delegates will pay their own expenses.

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