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## Township Tax Inequitable, New Home Owners Claim

Bitter complaints about their "inequitable tax assessments" was voiced by about 100 property owners Tuesday night during a meeting with Tax Assessor Stephen C. Reid.

The meeting had been arranged as a result of a promise made by Mayor James G. Maher to residents who had complained about their assessments at the June 14 Township Committee meeting.

Tuesday night's meeting began in Township Hall but because of the large crowd was adjourned to the auditorium of Middlebush School across the street.

About 70 percent of the complainants were residents of new developments in the Township, Hollywood Homes, Carol Manor and Franklin Hills.

### Developers Criticized

Several people complained that the developers verbally, and in brochures, had told prospective purchasers that their assessments would be about \$150 to \$175 a year. When they received their tax bills they were as much as twice these amounts.

They wanted to know why the Township Committee was letting the developers make such statements if they were not true. They demanded that action be taken to prevent them from giving false pictures of the tax situation.

Many complainants said that as newcomers they were bearing the brunt of the tax load. They told Mr. Reid that he was placing a much lower value on properties comparable to their own that be-

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## PHA Housing Plan Up for Approval By Authority

The Franklin Housing Authority will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today in Township Hall to pass upon a resolution giving approval to preliminary estimates and plans for a 50-apartment Federal public housing development between Hamilton and Somerset streets.

Approval of the resolution must be in the hands of the U. S. Public Housing Authority by Saturday to come within the fiscal year's appropriations made by Congress for public housing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Neibyl, temporary executive director of the local authority, told The News that the final contract with the PHA should be signed by July 31. This would signify the Federal Authority's complete approval of the site picked for the development and the preliminary plans and estimates, and Federal funds then would be released for the Franklin Authority.

The special meeting tonight will also discuss needed insurance coverage and will authorize payments for expenditures incurred to date.

## Kingston Firemen In 2 Parades

Fourth of July will be a busy day for the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company. At 10 a.m. the company and its Ladies Auxiliary will participate in the parade held by the Monmouth Junction Company there.

When that is finished the Kingston Company and its Auxiliary will hurry back to Kingston for its own parade scheduled to start at noon.

The Kingston parade will start on Lake Road, proceed to Route 2, then to Laurel Avenue and wind up at the firehouse.

Participating with the Kingston Company will be the Union Beach Band Bugle & Drum Corps, the first unit in the parade, color bearers and guards from the Franklin Park American Legion Post, Boy Scout Troop 45, the Kingston 4-H Club, the Kingston Boys' Club and the Rocky Hill, Little Rocky Hill, Griggstown and Monmouth Junction Fire Companies and their Ladies Auxiliaries.

### PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY BY CHURCH MEN'S CLUB

A paper drive will be conducted Saturday by the Men's Club of the Middlebush Reformed Church. A truck will pick up paper along Amwell Road from Lake Avenue to Elizabeth Avenue.

### INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO PUBLISH BROCHURE

A brochure designed to acquaint industry with the benefits of locating in Franklin Township will be issued by the Industrial Development Commission.

The commission decided to prepare the brochure at its meeting in Township Hall a week ago last night. The brochure will be sent to industries throughout New Jersey and the United States.

Robert Smock is in charge of preparing the brochure.

## Children's Parade For 4th of July

The annual 4th of July Children's Parade again will be sponsored by the Middlebush Men's Club. The parade will begin Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the yard of the Middlebush Reformed Church, Front Street.

The paraders will march once around the block and return to the yard. Ten silver dollars will go to the children with the best costumes, decorations, and the best float. Each child participating also will receive a small toy.

Beginning at 2 p.m. field events and a baseball game will be held in the Middlebush School yard. The events will include three-legged races, egg races and games.

The baseball game will be between two Little League teams, the Middlebush Maulers and the Township Terrers.

In charge of this year's parade is Robert Gaynor of Front Street, Middlebush.

## 735 Acres Sold Here -- Price Over \$1,000,000

### Summer Youth Program Okayed

Final plans for the Summer recreation program were approved Tuesday night by the Youth Guidance Council in a meeting in Township Hall. The program was drawn up by the new recreation director, Edward Blumberg.

All playground equipment has arrived and been distributed to the various play areas. Registration will be conducted at each playground next Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities will begin Monday, July 3.

The playgrounds are in Franklin Park, District 2 (off Elizabeth Avenue), Pine Grove and Middlebush. Donald Veldman, 24, will replace Donald Randolph as supervisor at the District 2 playground. Mr. Randolph resigned to join the Navy.

A visit has been planned for July 25 to the Bronx Zoo and another on Aug. 8 to the Walker-Gordon Farm in Plainsboro.

Organization of a senior baseball league for boys aged 14 to 18 is planned. It is planned to register interested boys during the first week of activities.

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## Middlebush School's 1956 Graduating Class



MIDDLEBUSH SCHOOL GRADUATES, who graduated a week ago Tuesday night. Front row (l. to r.), Ruth Fine, Rosemary Kotow, Patricia Brown, Nancy Lee Cuddy, Mary Lou Madson. Second row, Maxine Glaser, Janet L. Voorhees, Doris L. Thompson, Ruthann Reynolds, Lois Bruno. Third row, Linda Wallace, Karen Higmet, Naomi Horvath, Gail Hallengren. Fourth row, James T. Urey, Michael Kravack Jr., Milan Horvath, Daniel LaRue. Fifth row, Theodore Pochinski Jr., Robert Ross, Robert Lance Bering, Leonard Patrick. Sixth row, William J. Butler Jr., John Kaspa, John McKee Jr. Seventh row, Frederick J. Lamstam, Frank J. Finch Jr., Robert Yellan. Top row, Victor Darrel Lutz, Eugene Jerszycki, Richard E. Morrell Jr.

Three parcels of land totaling more than 735 acres in the northern part of the Township reportedly have been sold for a price of more than one million dollars. Formal announcement of the transaction and the name of the buyers is expected to be made sometime next week.

The three tracts extend more than two miles along Leupp Lane from Easton Avenue to Hamilton Street. The central portion of the property, the Appleman tract, is approximately 570 acres. The other two properties involved are the Rubin farm, about 85 acres, and the Romano property, about 70 acres.

The Appleman tract lies on both sides of Leupp Lane south of the former RCA site. It has approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on Easton Avenue to the east side of Leupp Lane and southward towards Hamilton Street.

The Rubin farm lies on both sides of Leupp Lane with about 700 feet of frontage on Hamilton Street. It adjoins the Ingelbush Estates on Hamilton Street.

The Romano property is on the west side of Leupp Lane adjoining the Rubin farm.

Sale of the property is reported to have been completed May 11 after two months of negotiations that began in March. Three real estate firms were involved in the transaction, Aaron Jelin, representing the Edward J. Snediker Company and Reuben Salkin, both of New Brunswick, and Buttery Green of New York City.

The property lies in Residential A and agricultural zones.

## Calvo Brothers Must Answer Queries in Court

The Calvo brothers, Vincent, William and Herman, were ordered Monday by Superior Court Judge Howard Ewart to answer questions asked by some of the 120 defendants they have sued for \$100,000 for libel.

Vincent and William of Franklin Township and Herman Calvo of Highland Park instituted their suit last March against LeRoy Smith of Easton Avenue and 119 other signers of a petition asking Franklin Township to force them to clear up alleged zoning violations on property they own on Easton Avenue and Leupp Lane.

The petitioners had charged the brothers, operating the V. & H. Contracting Company on the property, violated zoning regulations by using the property for business although it is in an agricultural zone.

Magistrate's Hearing  
Former Zoning Officer Joseph

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## Dr. D. D. Denker Appointed Assistant Provost for Rutgers University

Dr. David D. Denker of New Brunswick Road has been named assistant provost of Rutgers University, it was announced Monday by Dr. Lewis W. Jones, president of the university. In this new university position, he will be aide to Dr. Mason Gross, provost.

Dr. Denker is an assistant professor of American Civilization in the College of Arts & Sciences and a counselor for foreign students. He has taught at the university since 1953 but was on leave during the last academic year.

Dr. Denker was a staff member of The New York Times from 1933 to 1946, except for three years of service with the Army in World War II.

He and his wife, Jane, have three children, Joel, 11, Michael, 9, and Dana, 7.

Also promoted was Allen J. Kaprow of RFD 3, who was made an assistant professor of art.

### 6 CHILDREN BAPTIZED IN MIDDLEBUSH CHURCH

Six children, including four from one family, were baptized Sunday in the Middlebush Reformed Church by the Rev. Vernon Dethmers.

They were Jeanette Karen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Angolet of Lake Avenue; Marjorie Walker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Butler of Gates Avenue; and John Runyon, Helen Louise, Bruce Wayne and Rosemarie, the children of Mr. & Mrs. John Neary of Amwell Road.

### MRS. CUDDY IS CHAPLAIN OF VETERANS AUXILIARY

Mrs. Dorothy Cuddy of Saturday was elected to be state chaplain of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

The auxiliary met in the Monterey Hotel, Asbury Park, for its annual convention.

### 2 Kingston Pupils Given VFW Pins

David Baptist and Dorothy Goetz were named the outstanding boy and girl in the Kingston School graduating class at commencement exercises a week ago last night.

The two students, selected by their teachers, received pins from the Franklin Park Veterans of Foreign Wars. The awards were made by Post Commander Frederick R. G. Rieck.

Baptist is the son of Mrs. Evelyn Baptist of Franklin Park Road. Miss Goetz is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Goetz of Main Street, Kingston.

### Voorhees Issues May Police Report

Township police made 34 arrests and made 187 investigations during May, Police Chief Ed F. Voorhees announced in his monthly report.

In that period the police put in 1,332 hours and traveled 10,226 miles.

The chief's report breaks down as follows:

Arrests: careless driving, 9; passing on hill, 7; speeding, 6; passing school bus, 3; no driver's license, 3; passing on curve, 2; reckless driving, 2; stop street, 2; hit-and-run, 1; driving unsafe vehicle, 1; following too close, 1; illegal parking, 1; disorderly conduct, 8; manslaughter, 1; zoning ordinance, 2; cruelty to animals, 1; for other departments 4; warnings issued, 27; telephone calls, 205.

Investigations: reportable accidents, 16; minor accidents, 13; traffic complaints, 17; family disputes, 16; disorderly persons, 7; suspicious persons, 7; suspicious cars, 17; juvenile complaints, 11; malicious mischief, 1; vandalism, 7; trespassing, 2.

Domestic animal complaints, 4; cruelty to animals, 4; dog complaints, 15; dog bites reported, 13; cat bites, 1; rat bites, 2; dogs found, 1; horse lost, 1; horse found, 1; bicycles found, 2; manslaughter, 1; breaking and entry, 3; theft, 8; attempted theft, 1; game law violation, 1; dead deer, 1; industrial accident, 1; construction company, 1; other departments, 2.

Other duties: assistance to Township officials, 29; county officials, 8; state officials, 3; other departments, 19; citizens,

31; rescue squads, 3; fire companies, 2; and distressed motorists, 3.

The department also issued three pistol purchase permits and signed three applications for alcoholic beverage permits.

### DEMOCRATS HEAR CARLIN DISCUSS REGISTRATION

John J. Carlin of the advisory committee of the Somerset County Democratic Committee

Tuesday night spoke on "Registration in Franklin Township" to members of the Township Democratic Men's Club. The meeting was held in the 2nd District Firehouse.

### TARGET PRACTICE FOR POLICE RESERVES

A practice pistol shoot will be held by the Police Reserves at 2 p.m. Saturday on the former RCA property.

## BIRTHS

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# the somerset SCENE

About 700 of Somerset's stalwart citizens sat down last Thursday night in Far Hills Inn. They sat and devoured Phil Hofmann's roast beef and then politely listened to his suggestion that a mammoth grass roots county planning board be formed.

"Would be known as the Greater Somerset Association, and its role would be to muster public opinion and to 'guide the future of Somerset' as an industrial parkland with two cars in every garage and a dozen chickens in every deep freeze.

Phil, who picks up his work-day pay check from Johnson & Johnson as chairman of the board of Ethicon, made a large issue in announcing the showfest as his own private party—but several folks took sidelong glances at this "Mister Private Citizen" pitch because of J & J's abiding interest in parks and county planning.

Newsmen were rewarded for their cynicism when they arrived Thursday night. There, all written for them, was their story. It was handed to them, neatly typed, the product of a Madison Avenue crew which handles J & J's publicity on the higher levels.

Everybody who could afford the time away from his fireside attended Phil's shindig. Before

picking up a tab for some \$ Ga, Phil found about 370 guests who expressed an interest in joining GSA and attempting to solve one of the million problems propounded in J & J's Agie Report.

One of Phil's brighter ideas is the financing of GSA. It would not be subsidized, Phil said, but he suggested that the Agie report be sold at \$2.00 per copy to provide petty cash in the beginning.

As this corner has pointed out before, the Agie document makes fine reading for the visionaries. Since its appeal to the reading public at large might leave a few two-fifths lacking, perhaps a rummage sale might be conducted to get GSA on solid financial footing.

It is interesting to note that one of the out-of-county newspapers, frequently referred to as an official publicity organ for J & J and the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority, dubbed Phil in its editorial columns this week as Somerset's Paul Revere, mounted on his trusty gray mare and warning the countryside of enemies on its borders.

Enthusiasm for Phil's plan was mixed. Some folks in the predominantly male audience at the dinner had the colossal courage to stand up with beefs before digesting the prime ribs. They suggested that maybe it would be

better to leave Somerset's planning problems to the County Planning Board, which was appointed only recently for this specific reason—and from what we hear some Planning Board members have the same emotion.

Although not expressed at the meeting, there was a grumbling undercurrent among the agricultural delegations. The farm folk who don't want to sell their acreage to housing developers have little love for Mister Agie's thumb-nosing of Somerset's agricultural potential.

But, then, it was J & J who hired Mister Agie, not the County Agricultural Agent.

All in all, it was a busy Thursday night for Somersetians. Over in Somerville Inn a couple hundred Democrats got together to eat steak at \$10 a dish on behalf of the party treasury, and to guide the future of democracy hereabouts.

Gov. Bob Meyner charmed the party loyalists with his down-to-earth approach to their problems, and Somerset's Archie Alexander got in some strong plugs for Adlai Stevenson.

Better yet, however, was the brother act which supplied the patriotic part of the program. Instead of the traditional Star Spangled Banner delivered by a vibrant contralto or a screeching soprano, these avant garde Democrats came up with something to pump vigor into this year's campaign. It was a new Star Spangled Banner, sung in two-part harmony in a quasi-rock 'n roll tempo, and the lyrics begged description and/or translation. This Concerto for Democracy was sung by the Barks Dale Brothers, all done up in pink sports jackets. (Republican booking agents, please copy.)

County Republicans trodded over Freeholder C. I. Van Cleeff's Millstone pasture lands Tuesday evening at their annual picnic. Transfusions of pep, vim and vigor were administered to the throng by every party bigwig who could find his way to C.I.'s canal-side retreat.

The tension at the outdoor chow-down was a little less taut than it was in female Republican quarters a couple of weeks ago, prior to a dinner-meeting tossed by county GOP ladies in Somerville Inn.

While Somerset's favorite gubernatorial son, Sen. Malcolm Forbes, was traveling in exotic lands on a business trip, somebody slipped a miskey in his cup. Somebody hereby booked Senator Wayne Dumont of Warren to speak to the ladies.

There are some political observers who say the appearance was masterminded by State GOP chairman Sam Bedine, and that Dumont's visit was designed to embarrass Malcolm in his home county.

A cute maneuver, for if there's anybody in New Jersey more interested than Wayne in becoming our next Republican governor, it could be Smiling Sammy himself.

Anyway, lady Forbesites got on their phones a day before the dinner in an attempt to work up a "Boycott Dumont" movement, and this was followed by a counterattack from the female Malcolments. Net result was an attendance of about 30 gals.

Lissen, men! women are in politics to stay!

### CARDINALS' TRYOUTS START TOMORROW

Baseball tryouts for players between 17 and 23 years of age will be held at Hatzel Field in Trenton tomorrow and Saturday by the St. Louis Cardinals. Chief Scout Joe Mathes an-

nounced players will be expected to furnish their own gloves, baseball shoes and uniforms. They will be judged for running, throwing, hitting and fielding.

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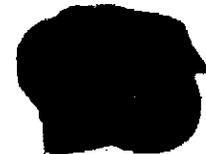
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# Calvo Brothers Must Answer

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Maher filed charges that the Calvo brothers violated the zoning code and a hearing is scheduled for Monday night in Municipal Court before Magistrate George Shamy.

The 120 petitioners submitted the petition after four children died Feb. 3 when a house on the property burned.

The Calvo suit charges they were defamed because the petition implied their use of the property caused the children's deaths.

Judge Ewart's order to the brothers to answer questions was made on motion of John E.

## 2 TOWNSHIP OFFICES GET AIR CONDITIONING

Two window air conditioners were installed Monday in Township Hall. One went into Township Clerk Fred Bascom's office and the other into the office of Tax Collector Mrs. Alice Hageman. Cost of the cooling units was \$363 each.

Molineux, attorney for a group of the defendants.

Mr. Molineux said the court order was necessary because the brothers refused to answer the questions in a pre-trial hearing May 26 on grounds they might incriminate themselves.

## WEEKEND TRIPS

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Drysten of Centre Avenue, Griggstown, spent recent weekends at Budd Lake and at the Monmouth Park races.

# New Home Owners Attack Tax Rate

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longed to long-time residents.

They demanded to know how they could get their assessments changed if they thought them inequitable. Mr. Reid replied that he could not change them once he set the assessment, but that appeals could be made to the County Tax Board.

## To Seek Assistance

Mr. Reid was asked if he could attend the next meeting of the Township Committee so that "the buck couldn't be passed" between the Committee and himself when questions were asked about taxes. After the meeting, Mr. Reid said he would attend the July 12th session of the Committee.

When asked if he needed more help for assessing and reassessing, Mr. Reid gave an emphatic "Yes!" He and his listeners agreed to pressure the Committee for more assistance.

On the need for reassessment of all property in the Township, Mr. Reid was less certain.

"I don't know if it could be done equitably," he said.

However, the Committee has said it is considering having the entire Township reassessed.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Reid explained the tax structure of the Township. In 1955 the assessment rate was \$9.72 per \$100 of value and in 1966 it went up to \$11.08, the increase being caused by \$124,000 added to the school budget. He said that the \$580,423.09 required for operation of schools this year took 70 percent of the tax levies. Total tax assessments for 1966 are \$870,408.78.

## STATE REQUESTS DATE FOR END SALK SHOTS

Stephen C. Reid, health inspector, has been asked by the State Health Department when Franklin Township can be ready to give the second round of Salk anti-polio shots.

Mr. Reid replied that a definite date cannot be set until he can line up doctors and nurses to administer the shots and get one or more schools in which to give the vaccine.

First shots in the Township were given between May 10 and June 14.

Avenue and Franklin Park schools.

The advisory committee will take a Summer recess and hold its next meeting Sept. 25. Its planning committee, however, will continue to meet during the Summer.

Lady Luck II, a modified B-39 Superfort, completed the first non-stop flight around the world March 3, 1949.

# Future in Doubt For Lay Advisory

The future of the Lay Advisory Committee to the Board of Education was discussed Tuesday night by the group with two board members at a meeting in the East Millstone School.

Representing the board was its president Leonard Bradsley, and Walter Cambell.

The committee was formed of residents interested in school problems to advise and assist the board in overcoming them. But interest in and attendance at meetings of the committee has dwindled steadily.

The board and the committee discussed methods of reviving interest in it, abolishing it, or reconstituting it on some other basis.

Mr. Bradsley, in reply to a question by The News, said there had been no contacts "as far as I know," between the board, its architects, Mickelwright & Mountford, and Structo Schools Corporation since a week ago Monday night, when the firm asked for three weeks to present new plans for the Elizabeth

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# 'Greater Somerset' Group Offered As Guide to County's Development

Mass organization of interested private citizens in a Greater Somerset Association to guide the future of Somerset County was proposed last Thursday night by Philip B. Hofmann of North Branch.

Mr. Hofmann, vice-chairman of the board of directors of Johnson & Johnson, recommended such a body be formed to guide and support the County Planning Board and other groups already at work studying Somerset's growth problems.

He reviewed the outlook and made his proposal in a 50-minute address before some 800 County

and municipal officials and representative citizens after a dinner in Far Hills Inn.

### Operational Units

He recommended that the Greater Somerset Association be divided into sub-groups made up of general classifications of the county's problems, such as water, sewerage, roads and highways, parks and recreation, schools, flood control, old age and welfare, transportation, zoning, industrial development, agriculture, hospitals & medical care.

Each group would have a chairman and secretary, which would constitute a board of

trustees of the association, and the trustees would elect association officers. To prevent control by any one faction, officers would be limited to two-year terms.

Mr. Hofmann emphasized that he wished to place no limit on the membership of the association. "Get as many people in the act as possible," he declared, after a proposal was made from the floor to name committee members by election districts or some such system, to assure representation by all communities.

He added that he intended no criticism of the present work of county bodies, but sought to organize public opinion to guide them.

"Government organization is fine," he declared, "but we're not going to get anywhere unless we back them up."

### Financial Support

Mr. Hofmann suggested that the association's organization be financed by the sale of 500 copies of the Agle Report, a 40-page study of Somerset County's prospects and problems made by Charles K. Agle, a Princeton planning consultant, for Johnson & Johnson. He also recommended dues of \$1 or \$2 a year for each member.

Cards were distributed to the audience for those interested to signify their desire to study specific problems. These will be asked to meet and organize after the cards have been received and sorted out, Mr. Hofmann said.

Following his address, which illustrated with maps, charts and photographs flashed on a large screen, Mr. Hofmann had microphones passed through the audience for a "town-meeting" type of discussion on his proposal.

### Master Plans Needed

S. C. Carroll, consultant to the Branchburg Township Planning Board, supported the proposal, but said there is a "missing link" in the scheme, that the organizers were overlooking the fact that the County should undertake preparation of a plan based on the work that already has been done.

Edward Blaufuss, chairman of Branchburg Planning Board, explained his township's master plan and advocated that other municipalities develop master plans. John Bosman, a Planning Board member, explained that Branchburg's program was developed to suit the desires of the township's residents.

H. O. Frelinghuysen of Far Hills, applauded the association plan as a means of giving the county planners "inspiration."

### Fear of Overlapping

Fear that the association might become "another and perhaps confusing addition to the county planning picture" was expressed by Stockton D. Fisher, chairman of Watchung Planning Board, who called for close coordination of any such body with the County Freeholders and the Planning Board.

The Rev. Daniel Smith of South Bound Brook spoke twice to ask whether the new organization wouldn't simply overlap the duties of present planning bodies, and pointed to the traffic problem in his municipality as one of the knottiest problems.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner expressed regrets that he could not attend the affair. In a letter which Mr. Hofmann read to the audience, the Governor said he was "thoroughly convinced that your approach to the problems of Somerset County is sound."

### AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. Percy Bartlett of Acken Park, Griggstown, attended a luncheon Friday in Griggstown given by the Young People's Social Aid.

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MIDDLEBUSH, N. J., THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1956

## Let's Get Real Issues, Mr. Sykes!

One of these days Somerset's Democrats might put a candidate on the Board of Freeholders, a possibility which even some Republicans concede. This turn-about in the Somerset scene could come about through one of several channels. The Democrats could get lucky. The Republicans could become unlucky. The Democrats could wait for the electoral tide to turn their way. Or the Democrats could come out swinging with statements of significance to stir voters to the point where the majority might vote Democratic because the Democrats have scored a telling impression on the public mind.

The latter method would bring the quickest results, but apparently Democratic candidates hereabouts do not concede this point.

Take, for example, last week's Democratic fund-raising dinner sponsored by the party's County Committee and attended by no less a dignitary than Gov. Meyner. Here was an occasion where the Democrats could have gathered merely for socializing or to begin impressing the public that its desire for a Freeholder victory is worth beating tom-toms. They socialized alright, which is certainly creditable, but instead of tom-tomming they tossed a sackful of moldy cliches to the party faithful.

Frank Sykes is the Democratic candidate for Freeholder, and it would not disturb us a bit if he trounced perennial incumbent C. I. Van Cleaf in November. However, when it came time for Mr. Sykes to address the fund-raising party he offered the lamest reasons we've heard in a long time for seeking the public's support.

The Board of Freeholders has slighted labor leaders in seeking solutions to flood control and road problems in Somerset, he declared, and here we take strong issue. Mr. Sykes seeks to make labor a bloc vote without giving substantial reason. The inference in his remarks is that a Board of Freeholders has a voice in charting labor's future, which it is neglecting, and this is downright silly. The Freeholders, whether Democrat or Republican, haven't an ant's weight of influence on labor matters in the county, and anyone who believes otherwise, has been brainwashed. There is no labor issue in the freeholder race, and Mr. Sykes should be advised of this.

Mr. Sykes in one sentence declared that the condition of county roads is poor, a condition which has caused much grief for industry through lost man-hours. In another sentence in the same speech he declared that the Board of Freeholders has been "taken over" by Somerset industrialists. Of course, something is wrong here. If industry controls the county government it is reasonable to assume industry also would cut its loss by getting roads fixed.

Mr. Sykes could do better than that by inducing party colleague Mrs. Eleanor Rowe to be his publicist and speech writer, though she has an aversion to such activities.

Rather than making feeble attempts to create a labor issue when no foundation for this exists, rather than getting himself mangled in his own words about roads and industrialists, Mr. Sykes and his Democratic supporters could offer substantial political fodder to stir the public's desire for a change in county government. The same night that the Democrats were fundraising, Philip Hofmann of Branchburg, Johnson & Johnson and the Grand Old Party was making his Republican cohorts in the Administration Building look like a sick bunch of third-string substitutes on a Class D baseball team. For reasons which he persists in cloaking in a halo, Mr. Hofmann declared that Somerset is God's chosen acre and that a mass of citizenry should rise to the facts of life and do something about it.

Why, Mr. Sykes, do the Democrats indulge in political backery when Mr. Hofmann has provided the minority with the best campaign fodder since Frank Politano threw the filthy welfare homes expose in the Freeholders' faces a few years ago?

If we have a competent Board of Freeholders, why must Republican Hofmann call the citizenry to arms to do things which should be topics of consideration for the county government?

Mr. Sykes should stir the electorate, if he is capable, instead of dreaming about a non-existent labor issue or a Democratic tidal wave. There may be more independent voters in Somerset than he thinks.

## MICROSCOPE

ON

## COMMUNISM

By Dr. Alexander S. Balinsky  
 Assistant professor of economics and specialist in Russian affairs and economics, Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey.

What kind of a vacation would any of us have if we were Soviet citizens? On the average it would be a two-week vacation with pay spent at a datcha (Russian summer resort) run by the government.

Like any statistical average, however, it does not tell the whole story.

In the U.S.S.R. a vacation is a privilege granted by the government—not a right possessed by citizens. Over the years of Bolshevik rule vacations have been shortened or entirely eliminated at the pleasure of the government.

### Study in Contrasts

When vacation time rolls around, the average Russian worker may elect to remain at home or to go to a government operated resort. Where technologically possible, an entire factory is shut down for two weeks with the workers taking vacations at the same time. In such cases, the government puts the vacationing workers into government trucks, takes them to government resorts, where they sleep in government barracks, or tents, eat government food, play government (political) games, and at the end of two weeks come back to work in a government factory.

But what about the factory manager? He and his family may have a month to spend at a special rest home like the Red Sun in Kislovodsk in the Caucasus, a palatial resort with beautifully furnished private rooms with bath, television, telephones and maid service.

An equally plush resort for officials of heavy industry and selected Stakhanovites (pace-setters) is in Sochi, also in the Caucasus. It is a magnificent castle on the sea, with fountains, a private theatre, paintings by great artists, bronze chandeliers, a physical culture pavilion, courts for tennis, volley ball and croquet. It can accommodate only 100 dignitaries.

### The Masses Know

There are several rest homes for high-ranking army officers.

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## "Roughing It"---1956



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

### From Tennis to Gray Flannel

Not quite random thoughts on this and that—

Tennis is really a fun game to watch. It is very easy to follow and yet demands, of its top-ranking participants, great skill.

Besides, tennis is a very polite game, which rather puts it in a class by itself so far as games go. Baseball, football, basketball, hockey—none of them make quite the thing of sportsmanship that tennis does. Since good manners are in short supply, this is an advantage.

But the National Lawn Tennis Association has carried good manners to the point of prissiness. They have given to tennis the air of a rich man's game, which is ridiculous—because in terms of supplies needed it is far cheaper than golf, for instance.

That is why it is wonderful to see the magnificent success of Althea Gibson, who this year has won just about every European woman's tennis honor available. Miss Gibson is a Negro and the Association took its own good time about recognizing her as a ranking player. Finally, it had to, and now she has made it. Her brilliant presence will perhaps supply the game with a much needed breath of fresh air.

Muriel Smith is back in the United States. Miss Smith is the Negro singer who created the role of Carmen Jones 13 years ago. She has spent much of her time since in England, performing in "South Pacific" and "The King and I." The City Center persuaded her to return to this country in order to recreate her Carmen for their production of the show this season. The critics agreed that she was better than ever, for 13 years of experience have enabled her to perform the taxing role of Carmen with greater ease and more understanding than the 19-year-old girl in 1943 possessed.

But Miss Smith plans to return to England after her run at the City Center is completed. Why? Because she has been invited to join the Covent Garden Opera next season, England's equivalent of our Metropolitan.

We don't know what to do with Muriel Smith because she is a Negro, just as we don't know what to do with Earle Hymen, the brilliant Colored star of

"Mister Johnson," discussed in this column a few weeks ago. So Muriel Smith goes to England, and sings with the Covent Garden Opera. It's about time we woke up on this side of the water.

"The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" has a Negro in it. He is a sergeant who befriends the battle-crazed hero. The sergeant is not cast as a Negro for any particular reason—he just is one, that's all. And this is as it should be, for it is seeing Negroes in the background of everyday life that will eventually persuade all Americans to realize their citizenship.

This soldier is not the only admirable thing about "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit." Though the film is too long, going into far more detail than is necessary in the war sequences, it is one of considerable integrity. It admits that even a man who loves his wife may, under the stress of circumstances, stray. It then suggests that a wife might do well to find it in her heart to forgive such errant behavior, especially if in all other respects her marriage has proved something worth preserving. Beyond this the movie shows two ordinary people behaving decently—making a considerable financial sacrifice in order to do the morally right thing.

The hero and heroine of "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" are not set up as paragons of virtue, and therefore they can serve as inspiration to all of us poor, sinful mortals.

—Bart

Pennies cost millions. A bill now in Congress would boost the revolving fund from which production of one-cent and five-cent pieces is financed to three million dollars from the present top limit of two million dollars. Raise is needed because of the rise in copper prices since 1954, when Congress authorized an increase in the supply of these coins.

A new type of dental drill which revolves nearly 200,000 times a minute may prove a boon to both patient and dentist, according to a paper read before the New York Dental Society. Drill is said to reduce the grinding ordeal from minutes to seconds, in many cases.

## TICKLERS

By George



"It's a nice business! I never yet had a customer come back and complain about our barrels!"

# You're Liable to Arrest If You Use Fireworks

Police Chief Ed F. Voorhees has warned that his department has been issued orders to arrest anyone in the Township caught selling or shooting fireworks. The chief made the warning because of the July 4th holiday next week.

Under New Jersey law, the chief said, persons selling or offering for sale, or having in their possession fireworks with intent to sell can be fined \$100 for each

offense or sentenced to 90 days in County Jail or both.

Anyone shooting fireworks, or having them in their possession, can be sentenced to a \$100 fine for each offense.

The chief also pointed out there is a Federal law prohibiting the importation of fireworks into those States, such as New Jersey, which forbid their use. Violators can be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned up to one year or both.

## Microscope On Communism

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Here people dance gaily, women dress in the latest Paris fashions, and the finest of foods and wines are served.

For the really exclusive there is the sanatorium at Barvink near Moscow, a resort frequented by Kremlin officials and those high in the Communist Party.

The beauty and luxury of these special resorts for privileged people is not hidden from the Russian masses; they are described in great detail in Pravda. The Russians, too, have their Horatio Algiers.

This great contrast between military barracks for workers and palatial spas for the privileged few is the same in Khrushchev's Russia as it was in Stalin's.

## FRANKLIN HAS DELEGATION AT LIONS CONVENTION

Several members of the Lions Club of Franklin Township are in Miami Beach for the convention of the International Lions Clubs, which began Tuesday and ends Saturday.

Those attending are Mr. & Mrs. Charles Siora, Mr. & Mrs. Casimiro Calvo, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bessenel, Mr. & Mrs. John Carlano, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Carpentiero, Edmund Jenkins and John Van Middlesworth.

# Carlano Elected By Young GOP

John Carlano was elected temporary chairman at an organization meeting of a Young Republican Club of Franklin Township held Friday night in the Community Volunteer Firehouse.

About 65 persons attended the meeting, of whom 45 fell in the category of young Republicans. Other temporary officers elected were Mrs. Helen Canavesio, vice-president; Mrs. Ann Porrovecchio, secretary; Kirk Cunningham, treasurer, and Santo Porrovecchio, membership chairman.

The temporary officers will serve until a regular election is held. No date was set for the club's next meeting.

Mrs. Alice Hageman, Township Tax Collector and Republican executive committee woman, spoke at the meeting.

Also at the meeting were Township Committeemen W. Russell Laird and Charles Siora, Township Clerk Fred Bascom and Charles Petrillo, president of the Franklin Township Republican Club.

# Summer Youth Program Okayed

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Passes have been received from the Little Rocky Hill Swimming Pool, and a limited number of children each week will be allowed to use them. The council will supply bus transportation.

Each Thursday of the 8-week program will be highlighted by a different activity: July 12, pet show; July 19, O'Leary contest and hopscotch contest for girls, kite competition for boys; July 26, vehicle show; Aug. 2, doll show for girls, hobby show for boys; Aug. 9, track and field meet in each playground with a championship run-off Aug. 17 in the Pine Manor playground.

Attending the meeting Tuesday night was Alex Sidar, council chairman; Mrs. Carolyn Pattison, a member of the Board of Education; William Kane, Mrs. Charles E. McClure, Mrs. Grace Flisko, Walter Shirley and Mr. Blumberg.

## FRESHOLDERS MEET

Authorizing vouchers was the sole business to come before the Board of Fresholders at a meet-

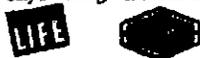
ing Monday. The Fresholders did not meet Friday because of the State Fresholders' convention.

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