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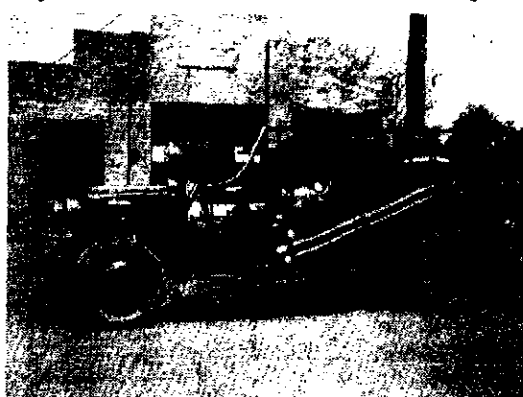
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FRANKLIN MAY GET 2 NEW SCHOOLS

Silver Jubilee Celebrated By East Franklin Vamps



EAST FRANKLIN'S second fire truck was this 1917 American La France solid-tire, chain-driven vehicle purchased in 1937.

Twenty-five years of service and progress were recalled Saturday night when the East Franklin Volunteer Fire Company celebrated its 25th anniversary at a dinner in the firehouse.

In addressing the 108 firemen and Auxiliary members at the affair, three speakers reviewed the company's first quarter century. They were Albert Collier, treasurer and dinner chairman; Al Michanowski, outgoing president, and his successor, George Veros.

Taking office Saturday night with Mr. Veros were Michael Uhall, vice-president; Mr. Collier, treasurer; John Falger, financial secretary; Vincent Idotti, chief; Lawrence Collier, first assistant chief; William Mogor, second assistant chief; Albert Collier, engineer; Ernest Sabo, captain; John Blasiak, lieutenant and business agent, and Mr. Falger, foreman.

25 Charter Members

The company was organized in 1929 with 25 charter members who met in a one-room store on the corner of Hamilton and Ambrose streets. They moved to their present location on Hamilton and Meister streets the following year, and helped defray expenses by renting part of their space to a service station. Their

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Shopping Center Plans Returned For More Study

Because incomplete plans were submitted by the developer, a Planning Board committee's recommendations for minor changes in the locations of exits and entrances threw Hamilton Street shopping center plans back for further study Monday night.

The recommended changes, though appearing to be only minor alterations, became major obstacles when it was learned that only part of a 10.4-acre tract was planned for immediate development.

Traffic Hazard Cited

The committee reported that provisions for exits and entrances to the proposed shopping center, as shown on the plan submitted, would create a Hamilton Street traffic hazard.

It was recommended that an exit for right turns onto Hamilton Street be located on the northeasterly corner of Hamilton Street, with an entrance on Hamilton Street at the northwesterly corner of the property. Provisions for rear exits and entrances also were suggested.

Morris Spritzer, attorney for the developer, Dr. Leo P. Mindel, New Brunswick dentist, said he could not accept the recommendations because no immediate development was planned for the northwestern section of the property.

The retail center would be located on a 3.4-acre tract owned by Paul Bensko of New Brunswick. Another tract just west of this area covers four acres, but plans did not specify that this 4-acre area was not to be de-

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CARR TO SEEK RE-ELECTION; DUNN, MRS. RULE WON'T RUN

Of the three Board of Education members whose terms expire next month, only George Carr will seek re-election. Vance Dunn and Mrs. Marvin Rule will retire from the board, citing the pressure of outside business.

Only one nominating petition had been filed with the district clerk as of Tuesday night, that for Mr. Carr. Leonard J. Bardsley of Elizabeth Avenue, Director of customer service for Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, told The News he plans to enter the race.

'55 School Budget Of \$107,737 Is Approved by B'd

A 1955-56 school budget calling for an increase of \$107,737.22 was passed by the Board of Education at a special meeting Tuesday night in Pine Grove Manor School. Total appropriations are set at \$694,400.38.

No objections were raised during a public hearing by the eight persons attending the meeting.

The school board anticipates \$482,007.38 in district taxes, \$44,307.30 more than last year's figure of \$437,700.08.

An addition of 10 teachers, bringing the total staff to 67, and an across-the-board pay increase of \$350 to all teachers added \$30,000 to the appropriation for teachers' salaries.

Raises of \$800 also went to the board's business manager and secretary, Mrs. Florence Randolph, bringing her pay to \$4,500 and to Superintendent James

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\$1,246,400 Program Proposed

A \$1,246,000 school building program for the next three years was proposed by the Board of Education at a special meeting Tuesday night in Pine Grove Manor School.

Of this total, \$992,225 will go to the construction of a 32-room junior high school, \$253,175 to be allocated for a seven-room elementary school.

The junior high school, to be located on 60 acres of land extending from Amwell Road to DeMott Lane, is scheduled for occupancy in September 1956.

Plans call for completion of the elementary school by Sept. 1957.

Tax Rate Forecast

The board proposes to finance the construction program with a bond issue of \$1,235,000 and \$11,400 from current expense funds.

According to the board's schedule, amortization would be spread over a 13-year period. The school tax rate forecast by the board indicates a high of \$1.33 per \$100

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Soldier Charged With Assault

A Camp Kilmer soldier accused of atrocious assault and battery on a young Township woman is in Somerset County Jail awaiting a Grand Jury hearing.

Pvt. James L. McVey, 19, was held under \$1,500 bail Friday night by Magistrate Vernon D. Hagmann in Municipal Court on a complaint signed by Miss Maude Mason, 28, of Butler Road.

Miss Mason told State Police the attack occurred in her car as she prepared to drive the soldier to Camp Kilmer from her home. She was taken to St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, for treatment, and released.

Miss Mason told Troopers Al-

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Reserve Police Install New Officers

New officers of the Franklin Township Reserve Police were installed at a dinner-meeting Friday in the Garden Spot Inn, New Brunswick.

The affair was attended by 35 persons, including Mayor Joseph E. Staudt, Committeeman Charles Siora, Police Chief Ed F. Voorhees, Police Lt. Russell Pfeiffer,

James G. Maher, civil defense chief, Magistrate Vernon Hagmann and regular and reserve police.

William Mogor, outgoing president, introduced his successor, Sgt. Joseph C. Puella, who promised full cooperation to the police, Township Committee and Civil Defense organization.

Other officers installed were Joseph S. Marica, vice-president; Carl W. Woodson, recording secretary; Leroy A. Straburger, corresponding secretary, and Clifford E. Lawson, treasurer.

Reserves will be sworn in as special policemen at the next regular meeting of the group on Jan. 27 in Township Hall.

Wolfs Are Wed 50 Years Events Calendar Set by Council



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolf

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary a week ago Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Wolf of St. Claire Boulevard, near Route 27. Mr. Wolf, 69, and his 68-year old wife were married Jan. 3, 1905.

Attending the celebration in the Garden Spot Inn were 75 friends and relatives.

Residents of Franklin Township since 1923, they have two daughters, Mrs. Marion Romaine at home and Mrs. Anna Kazar of New Brunswick, and 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wolf is employed by the Interstate Industrial Corporation, a New York City plant protective organization.

Mrs. Hendricksen Heads Committee

Mrs. Lawrence Hendricksen was appointed chairman of the ways & means committee by Mrs. Alfred Filkohazi, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Community Volunteer Fire Company, at a meeting last week in the firehouse.

Also named to the committee were Miss Ruth Calvo, Mrs. John Lapczynski, Mrs. Alfred Schunk and Mrs. Joseph Parsler.

Robert Eichen, First Aid Squad captain announced a 5th District First Aid Council meeting would be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the firehouse. Auxiliary members will donate cake and serve refreshments.

The auxiliary and firemen will sponsor a cabaret dance on Jan. 29 at 9 p.m. in the firehouse hall.

MISS GAIL BROWN ENGAGED TO WED PERCY L. LUIZZA

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brown of Canal Road, R.D. 1, Bound Brook, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gail H. Brown to Percy L. Luizza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Luizza of Monmouth Junction.

Miss Brown attended Middlebush School and Bound Brook High School. Her fiancé attended Monmouth Junction schools and is employed by the Triangle Conduit & Cable Company, New Brunswick.

DEBRA ARNESEN BAPTIZED

Debra Ann Arnesen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odmond Arnesen of Washington Avenue, Griggstown, was baptized in the Griggstown Reformed Church recently. Rev. Merle W. Hoogheem officiated.

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Events Calendar Set by Council

A calendar of events was prepared by the Community Council at a meeting Thursday in the Franklin Park firehouse.

Delegates from all member organizations supplied dates of planned events for the year, a listing of these affairs to be drawn by the Council and made available to all group secretaries.

According to Mrs. Roy Ewers, Council chairman, the purpose of the calendar is to make it possible for every organization to run more successful affairs by choosing dates that will not conflict with other activities.

"It is the purpose of the Council to be of service to the Community by trying to arrange or schedule activities in such a way that this small community can support a maximum of successful activities," she said.

BIRTHS

In Middlesex General

Jan. 5—A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woodard of R.D. 18, New Brunswick.

Jan. 8—A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fate of Dover Avenue.

Jan. 8—A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bidek of Main Street, Middlebush.

In Somerset Hospital

Jan. 8—A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Markowski, Amwell Road.

INFANT BAPTIZED

Diana Lynn Walters, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walters of Belle Mead, was baptized Sunday in St. Joseph's Church, East Millstone. Mrs. Josephine Heller and Chester Lubak were godparents.

MRS. HAFLEY HAS GUEST

Visiting Mrs. Josephine Hafley of Amwell Road, Middlebush, last week, was Mrs. Edward Me-thar of New Brunswick.

Franklin Notes

WED 40 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dmukhowsky of Jacques Lane will be honored at a 40th wedding anniversary party to be given Jan. 23 by their friends in the South Bound Brook firehouse. Rev. Joseph P. Adamowski, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, East Millstone, will address the group.

MISSIONARY MEETING

The E.M.M. Missionary Society will meet Monday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mary Archibald, Olcott Street.

SEMINAR NEXT WEEK

Mrs. Barlane Eichbaum and Mrs. Vernon Dethmers will lead a seminar on "Family, Fun and Tradition" at a meeting of the Married Couple's Fellowship in the Middlebush Reformed Church next Thursday at 8 p.m.

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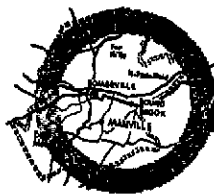
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Those who should know are claiming that Calco and Johns-Manville are no longer very enthusiastic about the Somerset-Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority. But because they were the ones responsible for starting the Authority in the first place, there's little they can do at this point except promote a grand scale delaying action.

Main objection of the two industries to the proposal for an area sewage disposal system is cost. According to one insider, they feel it will be cheaper to handle their own sewage problems—and they are in a position to do so except for the existence of the Authority.

This Authority, if you'll remember, was born after Calco and J-M threw their weight against extension of the Middlesex County Sewerage Authority's trunk sewer to Somerset County. Now the Somerset Authority is embarked on its own sewer project which leaves Calco and J-M only one of three choices: 1. Go along as they said they would in the first place; 2. Pull out, which certainly would explode the "brotherhood of man and let's all work together" philosophy they have been selling to area municipalities for years and years, or 3. Delay the project until the thing falls apart from sheer inertia and the area starts singing a new "Song of the Sewer."

County Democratic leaders have decided to await word from Gov. Meyner before making a definite recommendation for a successor to the late County Judge Clarkson A. Cranmer, but that doesn't mean there's any lack of activity.

Several leading Dems are keeping busy trying to squelch A. R. Makowski, North Plainfield attorney and Democratic county chairman, who is making no secret of the fact that he wants the \$10,000-a-year part-time job.

Those opposed to Makowski think the judgeship should go to Joseph Halpern of Somerville or Anthony Kearns of Basking Ridge.

Halpern is said to be interested in the appointment, but not on a part-time basis. His objections might be removed since Gov. Meyner is not expected to act on the judgeship until something definite comes of his proposal to give the County two full-time judges instead of the present

part-time County and District Court judges.

The four members of the Somerset County Board of Elections think they should divvy up the \$187 placed on deposit with them for the Case-Howell U.S. Senate recount.

Halpern, board counsel, appeared Friday before Superior Court Judge Fred Hall to oppose a motion by Makowski, appearing for Howell, to return the money to the unsuccessful Democratic candidate.

According to Halpern, the board members worked three days on the recount and should be compensated for their time and energy.

Judge Hall, who reserved decision, observed that even though it's a part-time job, board members have to expect such things as recounts when they take on the \$1,500-a-year job.

An area husband and wife team is scheduled to join the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company payroll soon. But this shouldn't surprise anyone, especially those in or near the newspaper business.

The look of amazement you see on the faces of some well-known county figures is caused by the recent appointment of Freeholder C. I. Van Cleef to succeed himself as chairman of the strategic County Roads & Bridges Committee. The \$64 question last week in the Administration Building went something like this: Why did Director Bob Adams reappoint C. I. to head this committee when it is so obvious C. I. is still in pursuit of Adams' directorship?

C. I. is aiming for the directorship with his political buddy, Harry Fetherstone, county G.O.P. chairman. Fetherstone is out to get the nomination and capture the seat now held by John Veghte, an Adams supporter. If Harry wins the nomination and election, the political sharps figure C. I. will be top man on board.

But knowing all this, Adams still reappointed C. I. to the road and bridge chair—and the big question is, "Why?"

If you look behind the Fetherstone campaign and the Van Cleef ambition, you'll see Luke Gray and Bob Casey. And where you find Casey you'll also find Malcolm Forbes.

Gentlemen, your stilts are showing!

Frankly Speaking

Two names new to municipal government were on the list of Mayor Joseph Staudt's appointments at last week's organization of the 1955 Township Committee.

The more familiar of the two is that of Mrs. Margaret Van Doren Welsh, named to the Relief Advisory Board. Her name is familiar to most persons in the Township as a result of her 42 years as teacher and principal in Franklin schools. Her long service was officially recognized in October, when the new wing of Pine Grove Manor School was designated the Margaret Van Doren Welsh Wing.

In her new job on the Relief Advisory Board, which meets once a month with Mrs. May L. Hobbs, overseer of the poor, to discuss welfare activities, Mrs. Welsh succeeds Mrs. Elizabeth Baler.

The second new appointee is James E. Thompson of Blake Street. An architect with the firm of John and Drew Ebersson in New York City, he was named to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a four-year term, succeeding August B. Vliet.

Three streets in Franklin shared almost three-fourths of all automobile accidents during 1954, a report of Police Chief Ed Voorhees reveals.

Amwell Road has 25 accidents, 11 of them east of Werl's corner on the section known as Hamilton Road. Easton Avenue had 21, Somerset Street 14. In all, 60 of 83 accidents involving personal injury or more than \$100 in damage occurred on these thoroughfares.

But because there were no fatalities, the department qualifies for a National Safety Council award. This has happened only once previously, in 1952.

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2-Way Air Net Now in Operation

A two-way radio network linking the Township's emergency vehicles went into operation New Year's Eve.

The new system replaces the Physicians Exchange Service used by the Police Department in the past, but the police telephone number is unchanged.

Under the new set-up, when no one is on duty in Police Headquarters the telephone in the Manville Police Department rings automatically. With a regular 10-man staff and reserves, Manville has 24-hour-a-day police coverage.

When Manville police receive a call originating from an Eliot or Viking exchange, the northwest section of the Township, they contact Chief Ed Voorhees, Patrolman Carl Erbacher or Patrolman Thomas J. Lee.

If a call comes from any other exchange, Manville police call Lt. Russell Pfeiffer, or Patrolmen Adolph Canavesin, Lawrence Collier or Neeman Williams.

A fee of \$60 per month is paid to Manville for the service, the same amount paid to Physicians Exchange.

Radios have been installed in at least one vehicle of all Township fire companies, police patrol cars, Chief Ed Voorhees' vehicle and in a car belonging to James E. Maher, Civil Defense director.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT TO BUY TOWER CHIMES

Members of the Middlebush Reformed Church hope to raise enough money to purchase tower chimes costing \$1,400.

At a meeting of the Consistory last week, Robert W. Courtney, chairman of the pulpit and music committee, was asked to contact members to determine whether \$1,000 could be raised through contribution from members.

If that amount can be raised through donations, plans for the purchase of the chimes, already installed on a trial basis, will be made.

Persons wishing to support the purchase should call Mr. Courtney at Viking 4-2804.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS GATHER IN CHURCH

A Sunday School Parent-Teachers meeting of the Middlebush Reformed Church was held Friday in the church. The meeting, first in more than a year, was designed to promote cooperation between parents and teachers in Sunday School activities.

WOMEN DEMOCRATS HEAR MRS. SULLIVAN

Mrs. Charles F. Sullivan, wife of the State purchasing agent, discussed "Women in Politics" at a meeting of the Women's Demo-

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2 New Schools Proposed By Board of Education

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in 1957 and a low of \$1.12 in 1958. The Board of Education anticipates a \$3,200,000 increase in Township ratables during the amortization period, from an ex-

pected \$7,400,000 this year to \$12,600,000 in 1958.

Option Taken

Francis M. Lynes was paid \$100 for an option on his property, site of the proposed junior high school, but it cannot be purchased until the State permits the board to exceed its borrowing power. The board and Mr. Lynes have agreed on a maximum price of \$30,000 for the land.

A hearing will be held in Trenton before the State Department of Education on Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Arthur N. Starin of Basking Ridge, the architect who designed the new Pine Grove Manor School addition, was given the job of designing the junior high school.

Objection Raised

J. DeWitt McGarrath, chairman of the Lay Advisory Committee to the Board of Education, argued that other architects should be asked to submit plans. He also criticized the board for its failure to confer with his committee before definite plans were made.

Dr. C. Rexford Davis, board president, claimed the program was sound, and that he would resign if the voters turn it down.

Vamps Celebrate 25th Anniversary

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only equipment then was a chemical truck.

In 1937 came a 1917 American-LaFrance chemical unit. Chain-driven, with solid tires, it had to be replaced within six years when a fire in an old house on Henry Street burned down because firemen couldn't get the vehicle started.

A '34 Studebaker came next. Though it presented trials for the men, it was kept operational until 1949, when the company purchased a shiny, new fire fighter, a '49 Studebaker.

They Build Their Own

Displaying unusual ingenuity, the organization—sparked by Mr. Veros, Steve Horvath and Joseph

Kolesar—built their own fire engine in 1952.

Lacking \$10,000 needed to purchase a new unit, the group collected \$1,300 through house-to-house canvassing of its Auxiliaries and raised \$3,500 more sponsoring affairs.

Very much short of the purchase price, the Vamps bought a motor, chassis, scrap iron, paint and other necessities, and with borrowed welding equipment and acetylene torches they went to work.

The company's future looks progressive, too. A new firehouse is being planned for Pine Grove Avenue. A 40x80-foot Colonial structure replacing the existing cement block building, it will house two trucks and include a meeting room, kitchen and auditorium. The deed for the property was acquired in November.

Board Approves '55 School Budget

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Lynch, boosting his pay from \$7,200 to \$8,000.

A new item in the budget was an appropriation of \$1,800 for a monthly publication to be sent to all township residents as part of a public relations program.

An increase of \$30,759 in tuition fees for pupils attending junior and senior high schools sent tuition charges to \$184,458.

An appropriation of \$10,000 was made for landscaping at Pine Grove Manor School and \$2,000 for new furniture in all schools. Pay increases totaling \$3,000 for school nurses, doctors, janitors and attendance officers were adopted.

Middlebush Girls 4-H Club members sewed hems on towels and aprons during a meeting Monday in Middlebush School. The handiwork will be exhibited at a 4-H fair in the Spring.

Pike Extension Through Franklin Is Recommended

An extension of the New Jersey Turnpike, to link Route 22 near Somerville and the super-highway near Highland Park, has been proposed by State Senators Malcolm S. Forbes of Somerset and Bernard W. Vogel of Middlesex.

The general route suggested by the legislators would place the major portion of the toll road extension in Franklin Township, the road to cross the Raritan River twice, west of South Bound Brook and near the Landing Lane bridge.

One of the features of the Forbes-Vogel plan is the substitution of the toll road for the proposed highway to link the industrial areas of Somerset and Middlesex, a project now being studied by the State Highway Department.

However, State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer this week listed a \$45 million freeway between Bound Brook and Perth Amboy among a group of new highway proposals he submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, and the President Eisenhower's Advisory Committee on National Highways. This list also included a \$130 million east-west highway across the State, the route to parallel heavily-traveled Route 22.

Soldier Charged With Assault

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vin Hammond and Phillip Nasti that she met Pvt. McVey earlier in the week on a train in Newark. She befriended him, she said, inviting him to dinner in

her home the next night and he accepted.

Soon after midnight Friday, Miss Mason offered to drive the youth back to camp.

The vehicle was still in the driveway of her home, preparatory to the trip back to camp, when the soldier grabbed her by the throat, according to the police.

She said she broke free and fled back to her house and summoned State Police. Police say Pvt. McVey explained, "I just blacked out."

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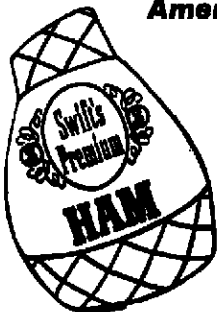
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Will You Vote Next Month?

Just as with taxes and bad government, too many people complain about our schools but too few take a moment to do anything about them. Most discouraging of all, the number of persons who fail to vote is even greater during Board of Education elections than during General Elections.

Figuring the averages broadly, the chances are that the eligible voter reading this now did not vote in last year's school election. Should this painful indifference and lack of citizenship continue, the agonizing ratio between registered voters and actual school board electors will be evident again next month when three members must be elected to the local school government.

Why such a sad situation should exist can best be answered by a forceful exclamation that "It shouldn't!" The lack of voter interest in school elections would not be prevalent if every eligible citizen realized that a school system is probably the most important segment of the community, that schools take more of the tax dollar than the political division of municipal government, that schools must be provided for children and the costs must be borne even by taxpayers without children of school age. These are material reasons why voters should not stay away from the school polls in droves. More significant is the reasoning which goes beyond the material: Competent school systems are one of the spawning grounds of mankind's future. And, to add the ultimate, what is life without learning?

A comprehension that interest in schools is a prerequisite for better living in a better community and a better nation certainly could help eliminate election day absenteeism in a democracy where even those out of the area and those abed with illness can secure their invaluable ballot

with which to execute their price-less franchise.

Should such understanding penetrate the citizenry we would, at last, also get more capable men and women to seek election to the Board of Education. Here, just as in the halls of municipal government, do we need candidates with integrity, knowledge, foresight, experience and courage. Here, as in other branches of government, we should never lack for competency, and zeal for the common weal.

But just as the registered voter stays home on school board election day, so do too many needed individuals curl up in their easy chairs and shun duty to their community by failing to come forth as candidates for important tasks which must be done.

He who does not vote, he who refuses to serve the common cause does himself and his community an injustice.

The wax effigy of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, which has been on display at Mrs. Tussaud's famous wax works museum in London since 1928, reflects his appearance as the years pass. The wax figure has been remodeled at least five times.

More than 100,000 blood specimens for Rh and blood group determinations were processed by the Serology Laboratory of the State Department of Health in 1954 as part of the training program for state laboratory personnel in civil defense.

MISJUDGEMENT

There are none among my friends who

That so warm and fast I hold,
As the folks, who on acquaintance,

I so terribly undersold.

—William Knight

Family Life

By Phyllis Page Bradshaw
Specialist in Human Relations
Rutgers University

USING WORDS

Have you ever groped for a word to express your exact thoughts? It can be maddening if you know there is one but you can't think of it at the moment. But don't give up! Increasing your working vocabulary adds to your ability to get along well with other people.

Some people, instead of attempting to express an exact meaning, use the same words over and over again. "Get" is an excellent example. Another one in the word "make." Conversation with such a person is indeed monotonous.

We are inclined to be sloppy about words. Perhaps we learn over backward in an effort not to seem affected. Nevertheless, interesting conversation makes use of a variety of words and does not seem affected. When we realize that almost all communication with others is through words, we become aware that enough attention is not paid to this important aspect of our ability to get along with others.

Key to Understanding

Very many times feelings are hurt because words are misunderstood. How frequently the right words cannot be found for what we wish to say. Most of us are familiar with the experience of thinking up the perfect answer—but too late!

Words and use of words to express an exact meaning are important. Each of us can profit through an increased vocabulary. Learning new words does not need to be an arduous task. Anyone can play a game with himself which involves learning and using a new word a day. Word games are fun for groups of people. These games are helpful for increasing vocabulary as well as for practice in using words.

Informational materials dealing with problem drinking and help for the problem drinker were recently sent by the State Department of Health to New Jersey public, school, and hospital libraries and to newspapers.

Strictly Fresh

WEST Warwick, E. J., judge told a young fellow fond for driving with one arm around his girl: "You need two hands for each of those jobs to do them properly." But not two hands on one pair of shoulders for the driving job.

"Meanest Man of the Year" nomination goes to the fiend in Chickasha, Okla., who has proposed a "time eraser" which would automatically remove remaining meter time when a car leaves a parking space.

How about a prize for the "Best Tripped Pocketbook of 1954," after all the Christmas bills are in?



Three elephants playing hockey recently from a circus train ambled through a section of downtown Houston, Tex. Even the strays come kinsize in the Lone Star State.

Follow at the next deck agree with us that men are going to sport Dior's fashionable new look right after Christmas. Flat-busted in the bankroll department, that is.

Bad Move for Red



Of Books, Plays & Sundry Things...

A New Melodrama Opens

"Tonight in Samarkand," scheduled to open on Broadway in a few weeks, is a strange melodrama adapted from the French of Jacques Deval by Lorenzo Semple, Jr. An unusual plot idea and the ever-fascinating setting of the circus are combined with some of the most tired clichés in the theatrical repertoire. The details used to develop an intriguing story line just aren't good enough for it.

Nevertheless, the play could be a tense and exciting theatrical experience if several things happen to it before it opens on Broadway. As it appeared in Princeton's McCarter Theatre last week-end, the play was too long, encumbered by heavy pedestrian sets, and in spots poorly acted.

A melodrama requires, above all things, fast and workmanlike performances. Perhaps the producers do not realize that "Tonight in Samarkand" is a melodrama. Looked upon as anything else, however, the play is simply ridiculous, with its fortune teller and its seances and its tiger-tamers. As a melodrama it could be, if properly performed, ed, spine-chilling, and at the same time possessed of that little added something which teases the audience's mind after the play is done.

Legend of Bagdad

The legend from which the play receives its inspiration tells of a man in Bagdad who is threatened with Death in the market place. He borrows a horse from his master and flees to Samarkand in order to escape her. The master himself later runs across Death in the market place and asks why she threatened his servant earlier. "Threatened him?" she replies. "I raised my hand when I saw him only because I was so surprised to find him in Bagdad. I have an appointment with him tonight in Samarkand."

The play tells the story of Sourab Kayam, a circus fortune teller, and Nericle, the animal tamer whom he loves—but who loves practically every other male in the play. Twice Nericle is on the point of marriage when Sourab shows her what the future will be with the man involved. Both times it involves death, coming about in exactly the same fashion. Nericle rejects both her lovers and turns to Sourab, who frightens her but whom she knows

she always has loved. Sourab, who cannot tell his own fortune, promises to protect her from what seems her fate. It is perfectly obvious that he will fail, that Death is waiting in Samarkand, but more than enough excitement is generated by the complicated developments through which the whole thing is worked out.

Potential Indicated

Acted with pace and verve, the piece could be entertaining enough. But Felicia Montalegre, who plays Nericle, had better stick to being Mrs. Leonard Bernstein, or to television. Though the heroine is repeatedly described as fiery and tiger-like, Miss Montalegre's harsh voice, poor diction and wierd posturings give no sense of the sinewy grace Nericle is supposed to possess.

Louis Jourdan is quite effective as the unfortunate Sourab, uncertain as to just how real his powers are. But half his lines were lost because his diction and projection were bad, too, unless the acoustics in the McCarter Theatre are awfully poor (because we sat in the twelfth row). Theodore Bikel, as the intelligent, kindly, yet somehow menacing Inspector Massoubre gives the best performance in the play. You could understand every word he said. Michael Gorrin's circus impresario, Joyce Lear's girl with the red scarf and Joseph Campanella's boisterous juggler are all effective, though one or two other players are positively bad.

The performance undoubtedly will be much improved by the time the show hits the Great White Way, and the slow parts will have been "written out." But the heavy scenery which overwhelms the play with its detailed realism is undoubtedly too expensive to throw away. Light, colorful and imaginative sets that were not bound by every petty actuality would be much more suitable for the fantastic character of the play and its circus inhabitants.

With proper production, "Tonight in Samarkand" couldn't miss. But as it stands now, the production is hampered by mediocrity, something which only the greatest of plays (and "Tonight in Samarkand" is far from one of those) can stand.

—Barb

TICKLERS

By George



"Zuke ha!nt used to his glasses yet... He thinks he's chasin' his hat!"

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But don't buy new linens just because they are on sale or because you like the yellow and white stripes, but shop wisely. A minimum of six sheets, three cases per pillow, and two pads is recommended for each bed. Contour sheets have become extremely popular, especially for the bottom sheet. They come both for bottom and top, in all the wide variety of colors and designs and grades as the regular sheets.

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Nylon tricot is still in the luxury class, but will be certain to be more popular as buyers discover their advantages. They are exceedingly soft to the touch; they are long wearing, easy to launder, and require no ironing. Both nylon and cotton sheets come in a wide variety of stripes and solid colors. The most popular new ones are white with an all-over pattern.

Study Qualities

To judge the quality of cotton sheets, hold the article to the light, look through to judge fineness and evenness of weave. Rub between fingers to detect sizing; if white powder rubs off noticeably, sheets will be sleazy when washed. Hold level with eyes and look for smoothness of finish. Examine hems to be sure they are smooth, flat and even. Notice selvages which should

be woven evenly, with tape-like sturdiness. If you are buying "seconds" be certain to see what is wrong with the sheet. If the defect will not affect the wear of the sheet, it is a good buy.

The better blankets used to be of 100 percent wool, but lighter weight ones usually have a mixture of cotton, dyneel, vicara, or nylon, and the synthetics are crowding the winter blanket market. The synthetic blankets are easily laundered and are moth resistant.

Wool is Standard

All blankets are judged by the same standards as wool. These are firm and even weave underlying the nap (this can be ascertained by holding to light and looking through); depth of nap which should not wad; softness and flexibility; binding of good quality, sewed without puckers. Frequently during the "White Sales" you can find excellent values in slightly soiled blankets.

To judge the quality of terry towels, hold the towel to the light to see firmness and evenness of weave. Large, even loops make towels more absorbent than short one. Selvages should be firm, even, and tape-like flat. The minimum recommendation is six bath and hand towels and six face cloths per person.

PLENTIFUL FOODS

The big items in food for the month of January are citrus fruits—Oranges, both processed and fresh; grapefruit, and tangerines. The latter are better for between-meal snacks than candy. January is "egg month" too, and all grades of eggs will be in plentiful supply.

Beef and pork are both in good supply and it is predicted that a lot of people will eat more pork this winter.

Broilers and fryers are still plentiful, and there are large supplies of haddock, halibut and frozen shrimp. Watch for sales of canned tuna in local stores.

Celery, cabbage, potatoes (both white and sweets), turnips and onions are the most plentiful and

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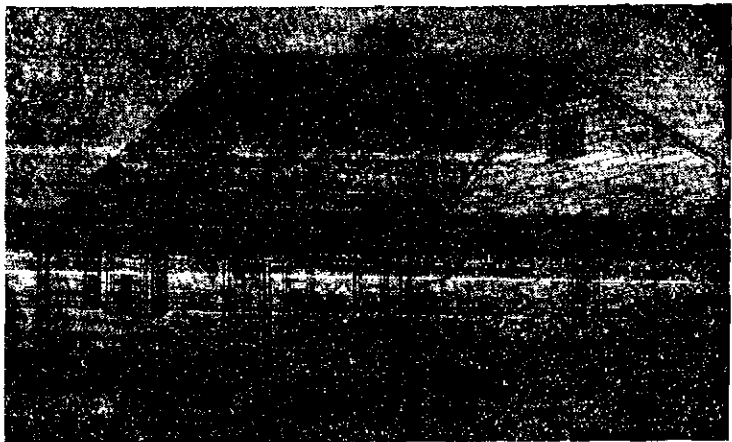
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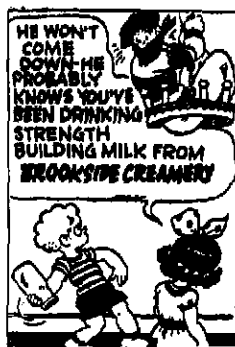
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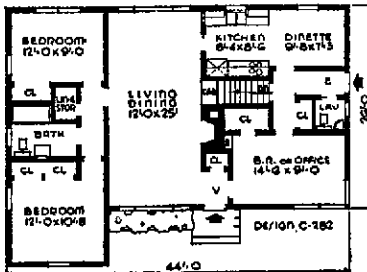
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Home of the Week



In Home of the Week Design C-282, one of the three bedrooms in this plan is placed so it can be used as an office, den or study. It is convenient to both front and side entry.

The other two bedrooms and the bathroom are separated from the rest of the house by the spacious living room-dining room combination. This combination area extends through the house with a picture window at front and rear.

Other points of interest include a fireplace, cabinet over stairs, coat closet, combination kitchen-dinette, a covered entrance,

planting area, wide siding and asphalt shingles. The floor area is 1,242 square feet and cubage is 22,977 cubic feet.

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YOUR GARDEN This Week

Rutgers University
By Charles H. Connors
BEAUTIFUL SHRUBS

It always annoys me to see how most persons prune their spring flowering shrubs. These shrubs have formed their flowering buds that will bloom next year.

Misinformed gardeners take a pair of pruning shears or even hedge shears and clip off the ends of all twigs. This gives the plant a boyish bob and turns it into a nice ball mounted on its stems.

This type of pruning removes most buds that would produce the best flowers and spoils the plant's natural grace. Also, it results in a dense top, because cutting off the tip of a shoot, makes the plant develop two or more shoots immediately below where the cut is made. The result is that more shade is cast on the lower part of the plant, which becomes bare and leggy.

Covers Base

Worse than this, shade over the center prevents growth of new canes from the base of the plant. These new canes should form the renewal of the top.

As canes become older, they harden as water and foods do not flow through them so readily. In consequence, the flowers become fewer and dead twigs appear.

The proper way to prune these shrubs is to take out some—usually about a third—of the oldest canes, cutting close to the ground. These are weakest and poorest. This opens the top so sunlight and air can enter. New canes that develop from the base will grow and form a new top.

Success Assured

This method retains the natural grace of the plant and results in the continuance of good strong canes with plenty of flowers.

In winter you can study the framework of the plant to see better what can be removed. If you do it properly, removal of flower buds will not spoil the appearance of the plant when it blooms next spring. You will have a beautiful shrub.

BE CAREFUL ON ROOF

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LADIES AID SOCIETY

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Farm Review

A one-week course at College Farm in the use of electricity on the farm and in the home will be given by the Rutgers College of Agriculture, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

The course is planned to help farmers and homemakers use electric service to better advantage in easing the work load around the farm and home.

Special attention will be given to the selection and care of electrical equipment and appliances. Emphasis will be placed on adequate wiring to assure better service and reduce operating costs.

Members of the Rutgers staff and representatives of the four major power suppliers in New Jersey and the electric manufacturing industry will serve on the faculty. Enrollment will be limited to 25 persons, so sign up early.

J. Warren Mathers of South Branch had high herd for both milk and butterfat in December tests of the Somerset County Herd Improvement Association. His 20-head herd of Holsteins averaged 1,809 pounds of milk and 48.2 pounds of fat per cow. Fred L. Quick, also of South Branch, gained second in both classifications with 1,181 pounds of milk and 48.1 pounds of fat. Duncan Campbell of Harlingen

was third for fat with 39.8 per cent. Walter Hoffman of Neshauc was third for milk, with 1,083 pounds per cow.

Farmers Date Book: Annual Farmer's Week, Jan. 24-29, Trenton; Work session, Beginners Clothing Construction classes, Jan. 18, County Administration Building, Somerville.

SCHOOL NEWS

MIDDLEBUSH SCHOOL

Linda Stevenson, a 6th Grade student of Pine Grove Manor School, was guest piano accompanist at a Christmas assembly program held recently.

Frank Resta and Howard Linn gave pantomime performances. Jerry Loeb did a tap dance to "Winter Wonderland."

Nancy Zolte and Dorothy Kelly sang a duet, "Silent Night." Solos were sung by Loretta Ganim, Mahilee Jackson, Kenneth Brown, Bruce Hageman and Fred Lamfuss. A quartet, Bonnie Yingling, Deborah Hageman, Ann Birch and Mary Lou Harkins, sang "Carol of the Lamb." Peter Upton offered a piano solo. Piano accompanists included Ronald Van Liew and Dolores Resta.

Shopping Center Plans Returned For More Study

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veloped, although both were shown on the map as shopping center area.

The two tracts extend from Mile Run Brook to Brookline Avenue, and from Hamilton Street to 2nd Avenue.

Market Objects

David Montgomery, division real estate manager of Grand Union Stores, which plans to construct a super-market in the center, said his company would not be interested in locating there if customers could not make entry with a left turn from Hamilton Street.

He added that he is not interested in the four-acre tract and the company had no intention of operating in that section.

"We want to get the customers in, we want to get them out, and we want them to be able to go left or right," he said.

Some board members were angered by the revelation that development was planned only for the larger section. Mayor Joseph E. Staudt said that all the committee's work was based on the assumption that both tracts would be developed.

"This throws a new light on the matter and requires further study," he declared.

The board agreed to allow Mr. Spritzer to attend a committee meeting in an attempt to work out a solution.

Mr. Spritzer agreed that other changes recommended by the board were reasonable, and that they could be met. These included maintaining a 50-foot wide landscaped lawn on Hamilton Street, and surfacing parking areas with bituminous material.

BEECHER BABY BAPTIZED

Carolyn Elizabeth Beecher, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beecher of DeMott Lane, was baptized Dec. 26 in the Middlebush Reformed Church, Rev. Vernon Dethmers officiating.

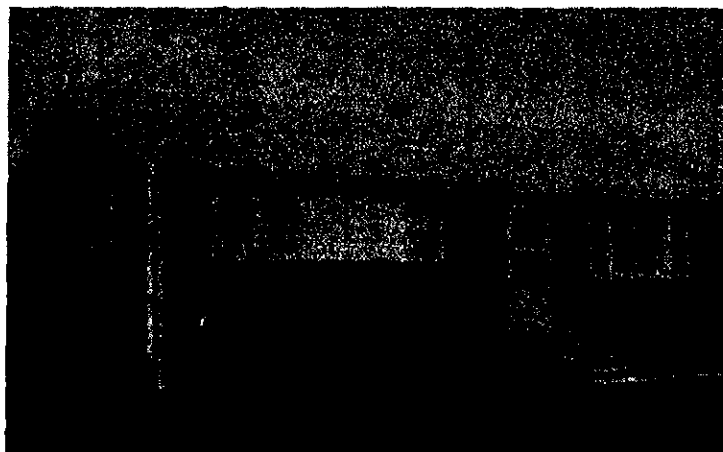
TO EXCHANGE PULPITS

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