

ROAD REPAIRS COST \$15,000

At an adjourned meeting of the Township Committee Thursday evening an ordinance was read and passed providing for certain road improvements throughout the township at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

The resurfacing, consisting of an oil base with a stone cover, shall be applied to all or parts of the following roads: Lake Ave., West Point Street, Wheeler Place, Churchill Ave., Girard Ave., Hillcrest Ave., Irvington Ave., Radio Court, Reeve Street, Ford Ave., Blake Ave., Runyon Ave., Dayton Ave., Rodney Ave., Waldorf St., Berry Street, Millstone Road, Lewis Street, Victor Street, Franklin Street, Wilson Street, Elm St., Kee Ave., Miller Ave., Green St., Home St., Kossuth St., Main St., Henry St., Prospect St., Lawrence St., Dover Ave., Carroll Place, Old Georgetown Road, Canal Road, Butler Road, Suydam Road, Elm Place, Franklin Parkway, Jacques Lane, Vliet Road, Cortelyous Lane, Blackwells Mills Road, Skillman's Lane, Bennett's Lane, Clyde Road, Dahmer Road, Cedar Grove Lane, Wilson Road, DeMott Lane, Van Cleef Road, Willow Ave., Lafayette Street, Brown Place, Equator Ave., Garfield Ave., and Howard Ave.

Rate Jump Asked By Telephone Co.

A new rate schedule, which the company hopes to have in effect by October 15th, was filed Tuesday by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company with the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

A straight \$4 salary increase to plant and traffic employees and a probable increase in the salaries of other employees was the reason given for the new rate request.

The new schedules will increase the local service charge for residence telephone service 75 cents a month in all communities. The rise in cost to business customers will depend on the amount of service and equipment they use.

Charges for daytime station-to-station toll calls within the state will be increased for most distances over 25 miles by five cents, and length of talking periods, overtime rates, person-to-person and night rates have also been revised.

The new schedules would add, it is estimated, \$16,038,000 annually to the company's revenues. Additional revenues of \$10,515,000 were authorized in November, 1947, in the first general increase in telephone rates in New Jersey in twenty-two years. The amount granted in the 1947 order was less than two-thirds of the company's full application.

BROWNIE TROOP TO MEET

Brownie Scout Troop 2 will hold its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. James J. Slade, Jr., Front St., Middlebush, Tuesday at 2:45 P. M. At this time those members of the troop who attended the Girl Scout Day Camp "Shadyoaks" will tell the group about their summer activities. Other troop members will tell about their summer vacation experiences. After this program there will be a marshmallow roast.

A New Gadget That Brings Hope



Raymond Dall, physiotherapist of the Somerville Hospital, treats the muscles of little Dorothy DeMello's leg in the whirlpool machine. This machine is one of six pieces of equipment bought by the B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 1088, Somerville and Bound Brook Lodge No. 1388 for the orthopedic clinic of the Hospital, which will be dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Other equipment now in use includes a sino-soidal, diathermy, bicycle exerciser, wrist machine, and arm and shoulder machine. (Reed Photo)

20 Children Attend Nursing School

The Middlebush Nursery School opened in the basement of the Middlebush Reformed Church Wednesday with a full enrollment of 20 children. Renovated equipment which had been donated was augmented by the addition of much newly purchased standard equipment. Thursday morning Mrs. Monema E. Kenyon of the New Jersey State Department of Education visited the school and gave tentative approval of the set-up pending formal application of a certificate of approval and license. Mrs. Elaine Weinstock is in charge with Mrs. James French as her assistant and several mothers as assistants on a part-time basis. Three adults will supervise the group at all times.

At a meeting of the corporation Monday evening, with Mrs. Lyle Hagmann presiding, tuition was fixed at \$13.50 per month for non-participating mothers. Mrs. George Cuddy, treasurer, read a report of the Spaghetti dinner given Sept. 10, when 104 guests were served and a total of \$117.95 in cash receipts, with a net profit of \$76.25. Equipment fees totaling \$80 had already been received and tuitions for September were collected that evening. Payments were authorized to Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard for equipment and to Robert Gaynor for legal fees. Other disbursements will include a gift to the church and to the Ladies Aid for their permission to use the church kitchen for the supper.

Plans were completed for an outdoor play yard and it was announced that all personnel having contact with the children in the school must have on file a health certificate including a report on a chest X-ray. Medical examinations will be given all enrolled

children in the near future including a patch test for T. B.

Permission was received from the Transportation Committee of the School Board to have some of the children in outlying districts as courtesy riders on school buses which were not overcrowded. Children on the routes of buses having capacity loads must find other means of transportation.

Full session running from 9:00-12:00 begin Monday. Although enrollment is full at the present time, applications are still being received and will be given attention as vacancies occur.

Franklin Club Flower Show

Many local women entered flower displays in the Franklin Club Flower Show held at Colonial Farms Monday evening. Over 30 members participated in the nine classes. A regular business meeting preceded the judging by Mrs. Cooper Vickery, chairman of the show. The next regular meeting will be a luncheon scheduled for mid-October.

FRANK FACCHINI DIES

The funeral of Frank Facchini was held Wednesday from the home at 120 Kossuth St.

A solemn high mass was celebrated in St. Mary's of Mount Virgin Church, New Brunswick by the Rev. Giacomo Villani. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick. Pallbearers were James Tate, Joseph Lisi, Stephen Kelman, Leo Pavallo, Gene Scalietti and Philip Sidoti. Facchini is survived by a daughter Mrs. Catherine Vadola and Frank Facchini, Jr., his son, both of this township.

START ANTI-RABIES 'SHOTS'

Over 1,000 post cards have been sent to dog owners throughout the township to announce a series of anti-rabies clinics to inoculate township dogs against rabies. The first of the clinics is to be held Sept. 18 at the Kingston School at 8:30 A. M. and at the Township Garage at 10:30. Dr. Arthur North of Somerville, is doing the inoculation, which is free.

A clinic to serve the West Brunswick area will be held at the Hamilton School, Sept. 27.

Local Cafeteria Plans May Become State-Wide

Mrs. Joseph Patko and Mrs. Douglas Woltohek, in charge of the Franklin Park and Middlebush School cafeteria, attended a meeting in connection with the Annual State-wide School Lunch Conference at the Department of Education in Trenton Tuesday. Both will participate in the conference which will be held Sept. 25, in Jameson Auditorium, New Jersey College for Women.

The representatives of our local schools have reported that the State conference will recommend that all school cafeterias in the state adopt the system of book-keeping used in the Franklin Township schools because of its simplicity and accuracy. The system was inaugurated in the local schools by Joseph Ruggeri, former supervising principal and modified by the present staff to insure uniformity.

Fire Auxiliary Plans Fall Parties

The first fall meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company was held at the home of Mrs. Augustus B. Vliet on Monday evening. It was decided to hold a card party at the Franklin Park school Sept. 24, and Mrs. John Gardner, president, appointed Mrs. John Bowen as chairman of the affair.

A Halloween costume dance is planned for Friday, October 29, at the Middlebush school. Mrs. Gardner urged the members to give their full support toward making these affairs a success, as additional funds are necessary to further the progress of the new building which is now under construction.

Pictures Win Awards

William Gainforth, Jr., and Robert Bering won the top awards in the Raritan Photographic Society print competition held in Rutgers University Engineering Building this week.

Gainforth competed in the advanced group, while Bering's prints were entered in the beginner's group.

Bering and Charles Osborne were runnersup in the advanced group, while similar honors in the beginner's group went to Mrs. Robert Bering and Edgar Castle.

Middlebush P.T.A. Meets

The first regular meeting of the Middlebush P. T. A. was held at the Middlebush School Tuesday evening. Dr. James Lynch Supervising Principal, gave a survey of the school system in Franklin township and a film entitled "The Modern School" was shown. Mrs. Stanley Crabtree was in charge of refreshments. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Vendel Horvath, president.

878 STUDENTS START SCHOOL

Figures on enrollment in the five township schools show a total of 878 pupils as compared with an average enrollment of 881 for last year, with new enrollments still being made.

A breakdown of the figures shows Middlebush at the top with 278 pupils, a decrease of 25 since last year. Pine Grove Manor follows with 261 enrolled showing an increase of 21. Franklin Park ranks third with 191 children, followed by Hamilton with 87 as compared to 107 last year. Kingston has a total of 63 pupils, with 15 enrolled in 4th, 6th and 7th grades and 18 in the 5th. Five Pine Grove Manor classes have over 35 students per room, with 27, 28 and 28 in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades respectively. Hamilton school classes are of fair size, with 28 in Beginners, 17 in 1st grade, 24 in the 3rd grade and 20 in the 5th and 6th grades combined. Middlesex averages 30 pupils per room with the exception of grade eight, which has 42.

In the Mail Bag

Dear Editor:

Elsewhere in your paper you will find information about the first of a series of three public meetings on Education sponsored by the Citizens' Committee for Education in Franklin Township, at which persons of note from the educational world will speak.

There has been some confusion among residents of the township as to what this organization stands for and so in an attempt to explain I quote from this statement adopted by the Executive Committee of the group, "Dedicated to the task of bringing our schools up to date so that the children of our community may have the best education it is possible for us to provide."

Sincerely yours,
MRS. JAMES J. SLADE, JR.,
Community Relations Chmn.

West New Bruns.

Mrs. George F. Hendricks of 129 Rodney Ave., is a patient in St. Peter's Hospital where she underwent an operation.

Plans for the coming year were discussed at the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Hamilton Rd. School Wednesday evening, Mrs. John Webster conducted the meeting.

Nicholas Szues, 59, of 108 Franklin Ave., was badly beaten about the face and head Monday afternoon and was treated at the Middlesex Hospital. Three stitches were required to close a scalp wound and two others were taken in a cut above the left eye. Szues was discharged after treatment. His statement at the hospital was that he had been struck in the face several times by an unidentified man at Albany and George Sts., New Brunswick and could offer no explanation for the attack.

The cafeteria of the Pine Grove Manor School is completed and lunches will be served to school children this coming Monday.

The executive board of the Pine Grove Manor Parent and Teachers Association met at the home of Mrs. Edmund Jenkins, 599 Hamilton Rd., Thursday evening.

BRUSH FIRE DIFFICULT

The Middlebush Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to a fire on the Blackwell's Mills Road Tuesday evening. A gully off the road had been filled up with trash and overgrown with brush. It was set afire by some unknown person and had been burning several hours before the call was turned in. The 14 men who answered the call worked from 8:55 P. M. to 11:20 P. M. to extinguish the fire, due to the unavailability of water.

JOIN STATE TAX GROUP

At the regular meeting of the Taxpayer's Association held at the East Franklin Township Fire

House on Hamilton Street last Wednesday evening the association affiliated with the State Taxpayer's Association. Both Republican and Democratic candidates for township committee in the coming elections were guest speakers. Meetings of the Taxpayers' Association are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the fire house.

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Former Middlebush Resident Engaged

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Mr. Peiffer is assistant vice-president of Tide Water Associated Oil Company and for many years has held key positions in the administrative office of the domestic automotive products division located in New York. Miss McCracken is a graduate of Wilkesburg, Pa. High School and attended Syracuse University, class of 1923. Miss McCracken has been a news and feature writer for the Moreau newspapers in the Oranges for the past several years. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James McCracken of Middlebush. Date for the nuptials has been set for early in October.

At the battle of Waterloo, the forces of Great Britain were under the Duke of Wellington.

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MIDDLEBUSH PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Vickery was leaving Saturday for Carlisle, Pa., to visit their daughter Mary Pat, who is a sophomore at Dickinson College. From there they plan to motor through Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson G. Smith left Wednesday on a trip to Michigan and Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lynes had as a guest this week Mrs. F. Spitz of New York.

Bobbie Lucas leaves for Admiral Farragut School on Friday.

CAFETERIA TO OPEN

The school lunch program in the Pine Grove Manor School will commence September 17 in the newly-completed cafeteria. Hot lunches with a planned and balanced menu will be available to the children at minimum expense. Mrs. Walter Klinger of Rose St. will be in charge with Mrs. S.

LIONS COMPLETE PLANS

Final plans for Charter Night festivities, to be held at Far Hills Inn, Sept. 22, were completed at a regular meeting of the Lions Club Wednesday evening.

William Henry Harrison, president of the United States, was the grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, a later president.

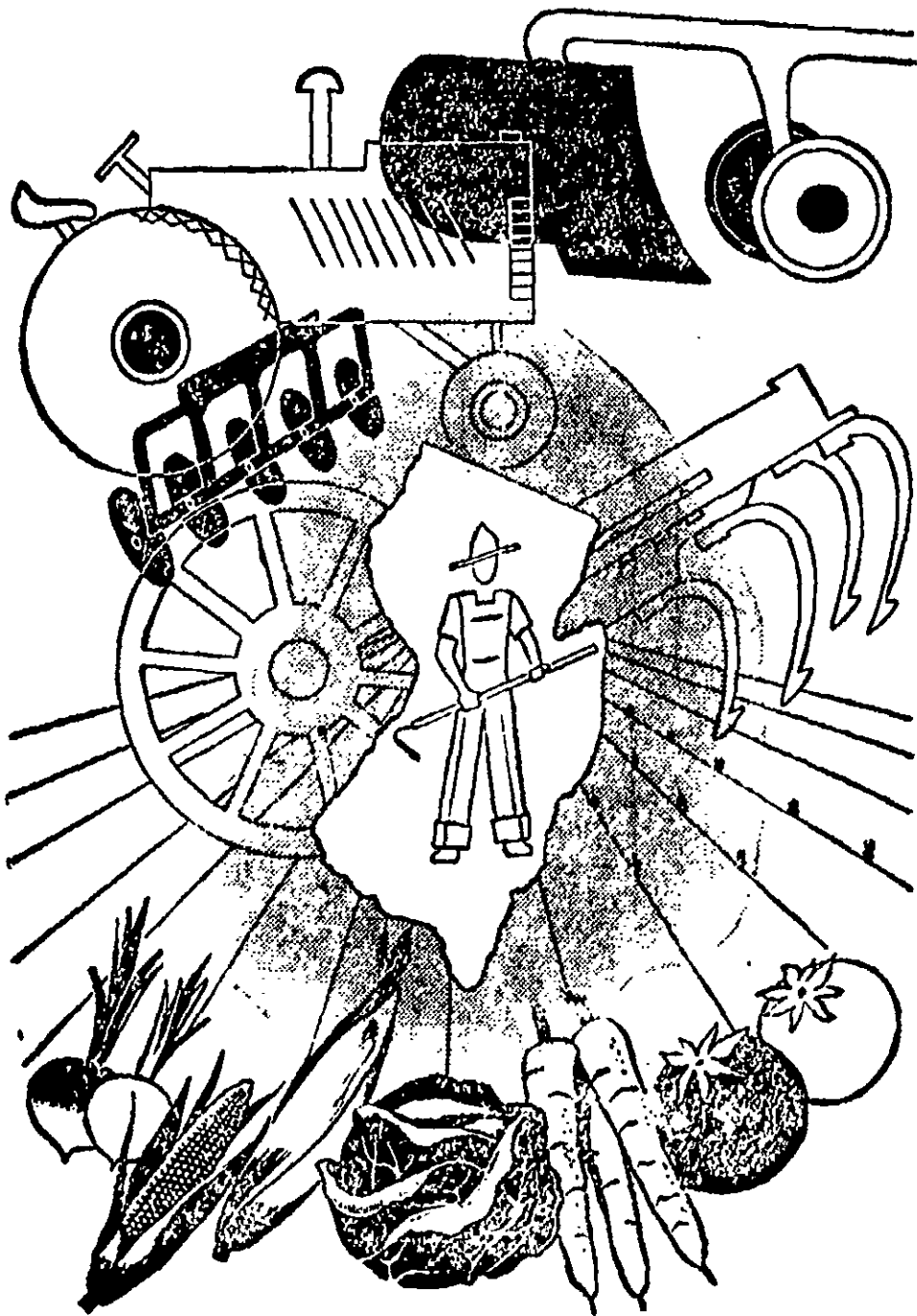
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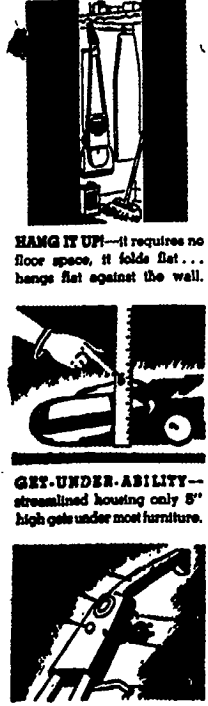
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Franklin Park

Mrs. George Cambels of Brooklyn, returned home Saturday following a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Beekman.

Mrs. Lena Slobusky, her son, Alfred, and daughter, Shirley, have moved to Miami, Fla. Her daughter Elsie, a nurse, has obtained an apartment for them there. Her oldest son, Frank, and her daughter, Gertrude will reside in New Brunswick until Gertrude completes high school.

Mr. Reno Pellichero attended the baseball game at the Polo Grounds Tuesday evening. James Dunn and John Bowen were the guests of Elmer Beekman at the trotting races at Roosevelt Raceway last Saturday. Mr. Beekman's horse was entered in one of the races.

Mrs. Robert Smith has again asked for a volunteer for leader of Brownie Troop No. 87, in as much as she will be unable to take charge this year. As the girls' registrations must be in the New Brunswick office by Oct. 1, she urges that someone fill this vacancy promptly.

The Franklin Park Bridge Club members were the guests of Mrs. Matthew Suydam Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bristol of Ten Mile Run, and their daughter, Carolyn, have returned from a two months' visit with Mr. Bristol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bristol of Naugatuck, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Bristol left Wednesday for New York City to bid "bon. voyage" to Mr. Bristol's father who is leaving for a six weeks' business trip to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fink and their family have moved to their new home on Rocky Hill Road, Ten Mile Run.

Theodore Cronk, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Franklin Bristol of Ten Mile Run, is on the administrative staff of the Westminster Choir School. He has returned from Manteo, N. C., where he served as the musical director of the Lost Colony Chorus.

Mrs. Sallie Gibbs of Fullerton, Cal., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Augustus B. Villet for an indefinite period.

A new wave of illness has engulfed the Park recently. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Skipworth and their daughter Stella have recuperated from a severe attack of the grippe; Mrs. Edward Schneider has also

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS APPROVE PLANS

At a meeting of the Board of Adjustments Wednesday evening the proposed addition to the Hamilton Club, the Consolidated Russian Club for Mutual Aid, were approved. The structure being built by F. Dadio, on Franklin Street was also approved, previous objection having been due to insufficient set-back. The building is in line with other dwellings on the street so the objections were set aside.

LOCAL BOYS ENROLL AT RUTGERS

Melvin Thomson, Cobble Reid, Ralph Ahrens, Jr., Bob Harned and Bill Carncross have resumed their studies at Rutgers University.

Twenty four dollars worth of trinkets were paid the Indians for Manhattan Island.

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been confined to her home; Mrs. Clifford Hardy has recovered from a throat ailment, and Donald Tallmadge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tallmadge, is ill from a moth infection.

Mrs. Robert Smith and her son Robert, Jr., accompanied her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Gaes of Miami, Fla., who had been visiting with her here, to Lake Canesus, N. Y.,

where they spent a week. On their way home, Mrs. Smith and Bobby were the guests of friends in New York City. While there, Mrs. Smith attended a theatrical party given for the cast of the show which had opened that evening, "Sundown Beach".

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schomaker and their three sons spent Labor Day week-end touring the Poconos.

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Notice is hereby given that Qualified Voters of the County of Somerset, NOT ALREADY REGISTERED in said county under the laws of New Jersey governing Permanent Registration, may register with the Municipal Clerk of any municipality in which they reside (except residents of Somerville), or at the County Board of Election Offices, Court House, Somerville, at any time up to and including THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1948, on which date the registry books will be closed until after the forthcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1948.

Take notice also that anyone having moved more than forty (40) days preceding an election must notify the County Board of Elections or the Clerk of his Municipality of such change on or before Thursday, September 23, 1948, to be eligible to vote at the forthcoming General Election. No change can be made except upon receipt of a change of residence notice duly executed by such registrant. Voters can get a Change of Residence Card by calling in person or writing to the Commissioner of Election, Court House, Somerville, or any Municipal Clerk.

Voters who have moved within the forty (40) day period prior to an Election may vote in the District in which he is registered, after he signs the affidavit to that effect furnished the Election Board by the County Clerk.

REGISTRANT CHANGES HIS OR HER NAME—Where a registrant changes his or her name due to marriage, divorce or by decree of court, the registrant must re-register. If Commissioner does not receive notice or information of such change prior to last day to register prior to an election, registrant may vote under his or her original name at NEXT election following such change in name, but must re-register to vote at subsequent elections.

FORMER SERVICE MEN, now discharged, should protect their right to vote by making certain of their permanent registration. Many veterans have failed to inquire whether they are on the permanent registration lists or merely in the so-called Soldiers' File. They should be certain either to call personally or telephone to the County Election Board office, Court House, Somerville, and make certain of their status. Otherwise they may lose their vote unless they are permanently registered.

All persons who are citizens of the United States and who have resided in the State of New Jersey for at least ONE YEAR and in the County of Somerset for at least FIVE MONTHS, and who will be 21 years of age or over on or before the date of the next General Election, (November 2, 1948), shall be eligible to register and vote. **NATURALIZED CITIZENS** must produce their Naturalization Papers at the time they register.

County Board Office Hours: Week Days, 9 to 12 A. M.; 1 to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 9 to 12 A. M. Beginning Monday, September 20, to Thursday, September 23, the office in Basement of Court House, Somerville, will be open evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
Jos. M. Lambruskin, Secy.-Commissioner George Sopko, Chairman
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**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
NOTICE OF REGISTRATION and GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Township of Franklin, on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1948 from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., (Eastern Standard Time), for the purpose of electing:
President of the United States
Vice President of the United States
One (1) United States Senator
One (1) Member of the House of Representatives from the 5th Congressional District

One (1) County Clerk
One (1) Member of Board of Chosen Freeholders.
At the said General Election, the following municipal officers will be elected:
One (1) Township Committeeman
FINAL REGISTRATION
In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New

Jersey entitled "An Act to Regulate Elections," and its several amendments and supplements, a notice is hereby given that qualified voters of the said Township of Franklin, not already registered in said township under the laws of New Jersey governing Permanent Registry may register with the township clerk of the said Township of Franklin, at the Municipal

Building, Middlebush, at the County Board of Elections office, Court House, Somerville, New Jersey, at any time up to and including Thursday, Sept. 23, 1948, on which date the register books will be closed until after the forthcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1948.

Take notice also that anyone having moved from the previous registered address must notify the County Board of Elections or the Township Clerk of his municipality of such change on or before Thursday, September 23, to be eligible to vote at the forthcoming General Election.

Also, notice is hereby given that the district election boards in and for the Township of Franklin, will set the places hereinafter designated on November 2, 1948, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 8 p. m. for the purpose of conducting a General Election.

Places of voting:

The POLLING PLACES and the Boundaries of the SIX ELECTION DISTRICTS of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset are LOCATED and DESCRIBED as follows:

FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place: The Schoolhouse at Franklin Park.

Boundary: Beginning in the middle of the Main Street in Middlebush village where it intersects the center line of the Millstone and New Brunswick railroad, thence (1) easterly along the center line of said railroad to the middle of the Lincoln Highway; (2) thence along the center line of Lincoln Highway southerly to its intersection with Bunker Hill Road; thence (3) westerly along the center line of Bunker Hill Road and the center line of said road extending to the middle of the Millstone River; thence (4) northerly along the middle of the Millstone River to the middle of the Blackwells Mills bridge; thence (5) easterly along the middle line of the road from Blackwells Mills Road to the road from Middlebush to Franklin Park; thence (6) northerly along the Middlebush-Franklin Park road to the middle of the Millstone-New Brunswick railroad, the place of beginning.

SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place: 2nd District Fire House, located on Elizabeth Avenue.

Boundary: Bounded on the south by a line beginning at the intersection of the Millstone River and the Weston Bridge, thence (1) easterly along the Weston Bridge Road to its intersection with the Canal Road; thence (2) northerly along the center line of said Canal Road 100 rods to its intersection with the Weston School-house Road; thence (3) southeasterly along the center line of the first course of the Weston-School-House Road, and continuing straight along this line projected until it meets and intersects Leupp's Lane near the midpoint of the length of the short middle section of said Leupp's Lane; thence (4) along the middle line of Leupp's Lane to said line extended to the middle of the Raritan River; thence (5) northerly in the middle of the Raritan River; thence (6) along the boundary line of South Bound Brook; thence (7) along the middle line of the Raritan and Millstone rivers to the point of beginning.

THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place: Firehouse, Market Street, East Millstone.

Boundary: Beginning in the middle of the Millstone River and the Weston Bridge, (1) bounded on the north by the second district boundary line to the middle of Leupp's Lane; thence (2) southerly along the middle line of Leupp's Lane to the Amwell Road; thence (3) along the middle of said Amwell Road to its intersection with Clyde Lane; thence (4) along Clyde Lane to the Millstone and New Brunswick Railroad; thence (5) westerly along the said railroad line to its intersection with the Middlebush-Franklin Park Road; thence (6) along the middle line of said road southerly to its intersection with the Blackwell's Mills road; thence (7) westerly along the Blackwell's Mills road to the middle of the Millstone River; thence (8) northerly in the middle of the Millstone River to the point of beginning.

FOURTH ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place: Pine Grove School, near Highland Avenue.

Boundary: Bounded (1) on the east by the City limits of New Brunswick; (2) on the south by Hamilton Street; (3) westerly by Leupp's Lane and the middle line of said lane extended to the middle of the Raritan River; and (4) bounded on the north by the Raritan River.

FIFTH ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place — Hamilton Street School near New Brunswick.

Boundary: Bounded (1) northerly by Hamilton Street; bounded (2) easterly by the city limits of the City of New Brunswick running southerly to Somerset Street; bounded (3) southeasterly by Somerset Street and the Lincoln Highway to its intersection with the Millstone and New Brunswick Railroad; and (4) running thence westerly along said railroad to its intersection with Clyde Lane; and thence northerly along said road to its intersection with Hamilton Street.

SIXTH ELECTION DISTRICT

Polling Place — Schoolhouse at Kingstown.

Boundary: Bounded (1) northerly by Bunker Hill Road and a line projected westerly on the course of said road to the Millstone River; (2) bounded westerly by the Millstone River and (3) bounded easterly by the Lincoln Highway and the Middlesex County Line.

The General Election will be held at the Polling Places designated above on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1948**. Polls open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Why we are asking for an increase in Telephone Rates

GOOD SERVICE AT REASONABLE RATES IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

We wish we could continue to furnish telephone service at present rates. However, our experience for the first seven months of this year has clearly shown that, in spite of every possible economy, we must ask for increased rates if we are to furnish the public the amount and quality of service it is requesting and deserves.

It is our job to give the people of New Jersey the kind of telephone service they want and need. We are asking for only enough to do that job—and no more.

VALUE OF SERVICE INCREASING DAILY

The speed and accuracy of telephone service have continued to improve, and today we are giving good service and more of it for more people than at any time in our history. Since V-J Day we have added over 400,000 telephones in New Jersey and more are being added every day. These telephones are being added in every city, town and neighborhood and the value of telephone service has increased because so many more people can call and be called.

TELEPHONE RATES UP MUCH LESS THAN MOST OTHER PRICES

While manufacturers, farmers and business generally have repriced their products based on today's cost levels, the Telephone Company, as a regulated utility, has been operating in New Jersey during 1948 at rates only slightly higher than those established twenty-three years ago. Last year's rate increase, together with the one we are now asking, is small in comparison with the increase in the cost of living—less than half.

PRESENT EARNINGS ARE TOO LOW

In the first seven months of 1948 our earnings were at the low annual rate of 3.56 per cent on the net investment in plant and facilities used for intra-state service—much lower than what

was considered to be a fair rate of return by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners when the new rates were authorized last year.

Our earnings for the rest of the year will be still lower. In addition to other rising costs, general wage increases arising out of the recent awards by statutory boards of arbitration will add millions of dollars to our annual operating expenses.

\$300,000,000 EXPANSION PROGRAM UNDER WAY

Post-war demand for telephone service continues at a high level. As a result, we are engaged in by far the largest construction program in our history. It cost \$43,500,000 last year and even more will be required this year. Over-all, it will cost about \$300,000,000.

EARNINGS MUST BE SUFFICIENT TO ATTRACT FUNDS FOR EXPANSION

Many business concerns depend on profits kept in the business to meet most of their needs for expansion. Our earnings, however, as a public utility, are regulated and are never high enough to provide the funds needed for progress and growth. All but a small part of the money we need for expansion of switchboards, buildings, cable, etc., must come from investors.

Earnings under the present rates are not sufficient to attract the additional capital needed from investors and without the investors' savings we cannot construct the buildings or add the equipment necessary to meet service demands.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

In asking New Jersey telephone users to pay more for their service, we are not seeking large profits. In our judgment, the \$16,036,000 additional revenue we are requesting is enough, and only enough, to continue furnishing good and improving service which is a vital factor in the progress and well-being of this State.

NEW JERSEY BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

