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**WALDWICK 11, EASTERN CHRISTIAN 2** — The Warriors' Matt Perry pitched a no-hitter, but it was tarnished by some sloppy play in the fifth inning. Perry, a three-year starter, was victimized by four errors overall.

"No big celebration," said Waldwick coach Steve Konde. "It was a matter-of-fact no-hitter."

Perry threw a wild pitch on a swinging third strike in the fifth, and he later walked a batter before an outfield error led to two runs. He still had a sparkling outing, striking out 14 and walking four.

Bill McAvoy (3-for-3, five RBI) and Eric Seyffer (5-for-5, three

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**GLORIA NORIEGA**, 62, of Waldwick died Friday. Before retiring in 1986, she was a clerk for Howmedica Orthopaedics Division in Rutherford. Surviving are her husband, Ernest; two sons, Raymond of Garfield and Richard of North Bergen; a daughter, Annette Rupard of Grandview, Mo.; two sisters, Carmen Luisa Joglar and Rafela Sotomayor, both in Puerto Rico, and five grandchildren. Mass will be said Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's R.C. Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, with entombment in Garden of Memories Mausoleum in Paramus. Visiting is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the John J. Feeney and Sons Funeral Home in Ridgewood. Donations to the Northwest Bergen Hospice Program would be appreciated. 4-17-88 - A-31

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The century-old Waldwick railroad signal tower, which preservationists want to turn into a museum.

# Demands could sidetrack rail museum

By Dean Chang  
 Record Staff Writer

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NJ Transit will allow a century-old railroad signal tower to remain in place, and is offering the structure to the Waldwick Historical Society.

But the society, which wants to turn the tower into a museum, says the offer is less than meets the eye and doesn't yet end the battle to save the tower.

The transit authority has attached 14 stipulations that the society must meet before it can take possession of the tower. Among other less costly demands, NJ Transit is requiring the society to purchase \$5 million in liability coverage.

An Aetna insurance agent said the coverage would cost at least \$10,000 a year.

According to the two-page agreement, NJ Transit reserves the right to demolish the tower if the society doesn't adhere to the 14 conditions.

"We've got a real hard-nosed proposal here that makes some ridiculous demands," said Robert Malenda, the society's vice president. "But at least we're making some progress."

NJ Transit wanted to level the 102-year-old tower last year. But

faced with growing opposition from preservationists, the transportation agency in January offered \$5,000 to relocate the tower.

The society declined the gift. Society members said the two-story, Queen Anne-style tower would lose its historical significance if moved from its home at the end of Bohnert Place, about 20 feet from the railroad tracks.

The tower was used until last May, when NJ Transit computerized all signal and rail switching operations and removed its signal operators from the tower.

The society wants to convert the tower — which encloses two small rooms — into a museum of railroad-related artifacts. NJ Transit had rejected that proposal in January, citing safety reasons.

Some of the 14 stipulations would make the society responsible for meeting safety requirements. The society would have to fence the structure in; remove nearby tracks and railroad ties; employ flagmen during construction; secure state permits; and ensure that the structure conforms to applicable building and fire codes.

Malenda said some of the requirements are unfair, and that he hoped the society could iron out some of its problems with NJ Transit in a future meeting.

NJ Transit spokesmen said Thursday and Friday that they could not comment.

To help meet the requirements, the society is seeking state and federal grants. "There's a lot of money out there," said Malenda. "We'll be sending out some applications in a couple of weeks."

The historical society's efforts to save the tower received a boost last month, when it was told the tower had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in November.

"The tower stands a much bet-

ter chance of being saved now," said Robin Brown, a historic preservation officer for the Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs. "Being placed on the National Register does give it added prestige, and we're hoping it prevents it from being demolished."

While the tower's listing does not offer outright protection from demolition, Brown said NJ Transit must investigate all alternatives before the structure can be leveled.

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**CATHERINE PFAFF SHAW**, 80, of Waldwick died Thursday. She was a parishioner of St. Luke's R.C. Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, where she was a member of the Rosary Altar Society. She had no immediate survivors. Her husband, Eugene, died in 1983. Mass will be said Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, with burial in Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah. Visiting is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the C.C. Van Emburgh Funeral Home in Ridgewood. Donations to the American Heart Fund would be appreciated.

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Bradley, 48, of 32 Hickory Lane is vice president of the trust department at United Jersey Bank in Hackensack. Bradley served one full council term eight years ago. He coaches girls softball and soccer.

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# McAvoy sparks Waldwick rout

OAKLAND — Bill McAvoy dominated Waldwick's 14-1 baseball victory over Indian Hills Saturday. McAvoy was 4-for-4 at the plate and drove in seven runs in the independent game. He also pitched a five-hitter and struck out four.

McAvoy hit two three-run homers, a run-scoring double, and a single. Teammate Gabe Terlemezian went 3-for-5 with a solo home run and three runs scored. Joe Licari was 3-for-4.

## BASEBALL

Waldwick's recipients of the 1987-88 Governor's Teacher Recognition awards will be Veda Bell and Bernice Berk of the district's elementary school faculty; Paul Puglise, a physics instructor at the high school; and John Zacco, who teaches art in the middle school grades.

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Franklin Lakes children's museum

and Paul Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Saddle Brook. Visiting is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Kimak Funeral Home, Carlstadt, with a parastas tonight at 7:30.

**WILLIAM S. WEBSTER**, 55, a lifelong resident of Waldwick, died Wednesday. He was a mechanical engineer at Picatinny Arsenal, Rockaway Township, for 20 years. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, a parishioner of St. Luke's R.C. Church, Ho-Ho-Kus, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was past president of the Waldwick Soccer League and was treasurer of the Northwest Bergen Soccer Association. Surviving are his wife, Jean Beaulieu Webster; a son, Michael of Laurel, Md.; a daughter, Dianne of Westwood; his mother, Beatrice Webster of Ridgewood; three brothers, George of Mahwah, John of Scituate, Mass., and Frank of Waldwick; a sister, Patricia Clapp of Ridgewood, and a grandchild. Mass will be said Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, with burial in Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah. Visiting is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at John J. Feeney and Sons Funeral Home, Ridgewood. Donations to the Northwest Bergen Hospice or to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

# Homers power Waldwick past Mahwah

WALDWICK — Gabe Terlemezian and B. J. Branagh hit back-to-back home runs to highlight Waldwick's five-run fifth inning and lead the Warriors past Mahwah, 10-5, Monday in a Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League inter-divisional baseball game.

Mahwah (14-3), the No. 1 team in The Record poll of Group 1 and 2 schools, jumped out to a 5-2 lead after three innings. Waldwick (14-2), ranked third, took control with five runs in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Terlemezian, Bill McAvoy, and Dave Hajduk had two hits each for the Warriors.

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**EDMUND S. PLACKWIC SR.**, 73, of Waldwick, formerly of Clifton and Ho-Ho-Kus, died Thursday. He worked for the Phillips Steel Co. in Oakland and had previously worked for Hemminger and Co. in Middlesex and for the Arabian American Oil Co. in Arabia from 1954 to 1961. He was a member of Local 248 of the American Federation of Musicians in Paterson and was a parishioner of St. Luke's R.C. Church in Ho-Ho-Kus. Surviving are his wife, Josephine Kassack Plackwic; a son, Edmund Jr. of Newton Center, Mass.; a daughter, Adele Ishikawa of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; a sister, Adele Klikier of Paterson, and four grandchildren. Mass will be said Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery in Paterson. Visiting is today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Vander Plaat Funeral Home in Wyckoff. Donations to the Waldwick Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 244, Waldwick, N.J. 07463, would be appreciated.

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# Saddle Brook rolls; upset for Waldwick

By Paul Schwartz  
Correspondent

**HAWTHORNE** — There wasn't much suspense in the team standings at Thursday night's Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League championships at Hawthorne High School. Only the Carpenter girls meet, in which regular-season runner-up Waldwick upset unbeaten Midland Park, offered even a touch of a contest.

The other three divisional winners — Saddle Brook (Carpenter boys) and Passaic Tech (King boys and girls) each scored 90 points or more and were never challenged. But the divisional winners all showed signs of the strength that could earn them

county or state sectional titles in the next two weeks.

Waldwick's girls, who won the overall title with a 61-48-44 win over Saddle Brook and Midland Park, took seven first places, five of them impressively enough to move into the favorite's role at next week's Bergen County Group 1 championship.

Carmen Pizzuto, Scott Zotollo, and Rich Wisse combined for seven of Saddle Brook's 10 first places as the Falcons, who scored in every event, held off stubborn Waldwick, 98-75.

Summaries will appear Sunday

## TRACK

**WALDWICK** Students from Waldwick High School will take over the council meeting Tuesday for Student Government Day.

The students will conduct a mock meeting, assuming the roles of the mayor and council. The actual council meeting will be interrupted at 8:15 p.m. for the mock meeting.

At the actual meeting, the council is expected to pass two separate bond ordinances that would raise \$237,500 for various projects.

The meeting is to be held at borough hall at 8 p.m.

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**WALDWICK** — Claudia Scotti went 4-for-5, drove in three runs, and scored twice to fuel Midland Park's 12-9 win over Waldwick in Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League play. Midland Park took charge in the sixth inning, batting around for seven runs, led by a two-run single by Joanna Sabina.

Waldwick was led by sophomore Dina Desimini, who went 3-for-4, including a two-run double.

MANCHESTER 10. PATERSON

**LOUISE BALDI**, 81, of Waldwick died Tuesday. Before retiring in 1960, she was a seamstress with Carlton Coats and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She was a parishioner of St. Luke's R.C. Church, Ho-Ho-Kus, and was a member of the Waldwick Senior Citizens. Surviving are a son, Caesar of Waldwick; three daughters, Louise Baldi of Ridgewood, Rosemary Patzkowski of Hawthorne, and Anna Beddow of Cape May; a sister, Elia Leonetti in Italy, and four grandchildren. Her husband, Maurice, died in 1966. Mass will be said Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, with burial in Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah. Visiting is today and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at John J. Feeney & Sons Funeral Home, Ridgewood. Donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

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Do you like the way our Borough is being run?

Do you want Politics or people's representation in your Council?

Why is Waldwick the "Forgotten Town?"



We run for office on these issues:

1. Full value for every penny of your tax dollar.
2. Take the Police Department out of Politics.
3. Place the Recorder on a salary basis, and pay the cost of court to the Borough.
4. No Absentee Councilmen.
5. Eliminate the High Cost of the Borough's legal service.
6. Make Waldwick a community of which to be proud.

*For Mayor*

**William E. Ward**

*For Councilman, three years*

**James W. Kerr**

*For Councilman, three years*

**Henry A. Spies**

*For Councilman, one year*

**Edward F. Hopkins**

*We Indorse for Collector*

**Myles Maratene**

# Waldwick's League

OF

## INDEPENDENT VOTERS

presents your candidates for Mayor  
and three members for the Council at  
the coming election on November 4th

*For Mayor:*

**WILLIAM E. WARD**

*For Councilman, three years:*

**JAMES W. KERR**

*For Councilman, three years:*

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**EDWARD F. HOPKINS**

These candidates understand the problems facing the people of Waldwick, and are definitely interested in the welfare of the Borough.

# Vote for These Candidates on November 4th, 1941



*William E. Ward for Mayor*

Mr. Ward is a member of the Borough Council and a life long resident of Waldwick.

For seven years, he has given faithful and intelligent service to the duties of his office.

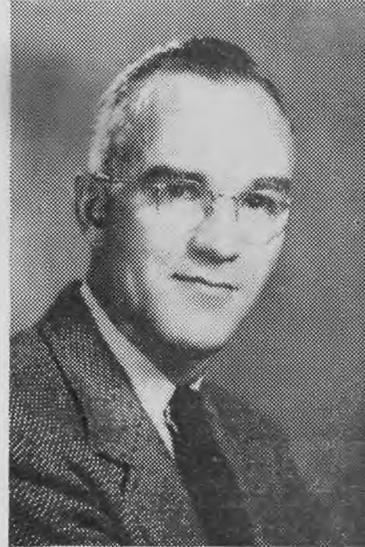
He is Council President, and as such, is known for his fairness and determination in all his decisions and actions.

**ELECT HIM MAYOR.**

**Take the Police Department out of Politics.**

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**BETTER MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**



*James W. Kerr for Councilman*

Mr. Kerr is a nationally known artist. He is a man who combines business ability with new liberal ideas.

He is a World War Veteran, Past Commander of the American Legion, Post No. 57, President of the Board of Health, former member of the Zoning Board, and Chairman of the Defense Council.

**ELECT HIM COUNCILMAN.**

**Eliminate the High Cost of the Borough's Legal Service.**

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**VOTE THE INDEPENDENT TICKET**



*Henry A. Spies for Councilman*

Mr. Spies is an insurance engineer, is President of the Men's Community Club, and one of Waldwick's most progressive young men.

Through his efforts the Borough now has a Public Library. He is the Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

His clear thinking and attention to detail are among his many valuable qualifications.

**ELECT HIM COUNCILMAN.**

**Place the Recorder on a salary basis, and pay the cost of court to the Borough.**

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*Edward F. Hopkins for Councilman*

Mr. Hopkins, a real estate broker, was born in Waldwick, and attended the Public School here. His family was among the town's earliest settlers.

Through his years of experience in handling real estate, he understands the Borough's problems, especially those of property and taxes. This makes him an outstanding candidate.

**ELECT HIM COUNCILMAN.**

**Full Value for Every Penny of Your Tax Dollar.**

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**VOTE THE INDEPENDENT TICKET**

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 studio 7017 bellrose ave ne albuquerque new mexico 87110

April 17th 1978.

Kay Williams, President,  
 Waldwick Historical Society,  
 P.O. Box 273,  
 Waldwick, New Jersey. 07463

Dear Kay Williams:

Thanks for your good letter of April 5th and the good news about the "Old Erie Station" It should be a national historic site. No one could duplicate the setting or the site upon which it so comfortably rests.

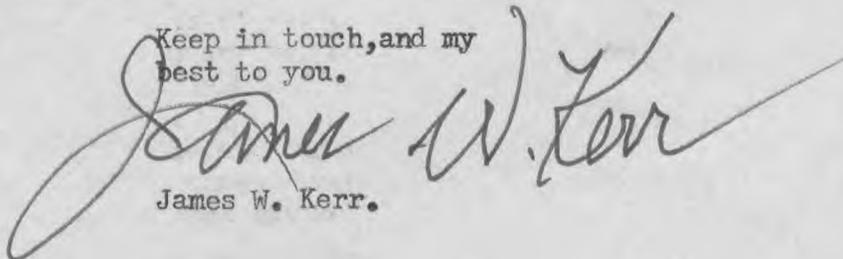
Now I have some good news for you and the Historical Society.

The Newark Museum through its Director Samuel C, Miller have just notified me that my painting Old Erie Station will become a significant addition to their collection of American paintings of the 1940's. (quoting from his letter)

Now you can tell the residents of Waldwick <sup>town</sup> that their fair and unique is in the permanent collection of American paintings of the 1940's

Fanny Ryer I know could not be with us Bless her noble soul but her spirt will I am sure. Whenever you are in Newark stop in at the Museum and say Hello to Fanny.

Keep in touch, and my  
 best to you.

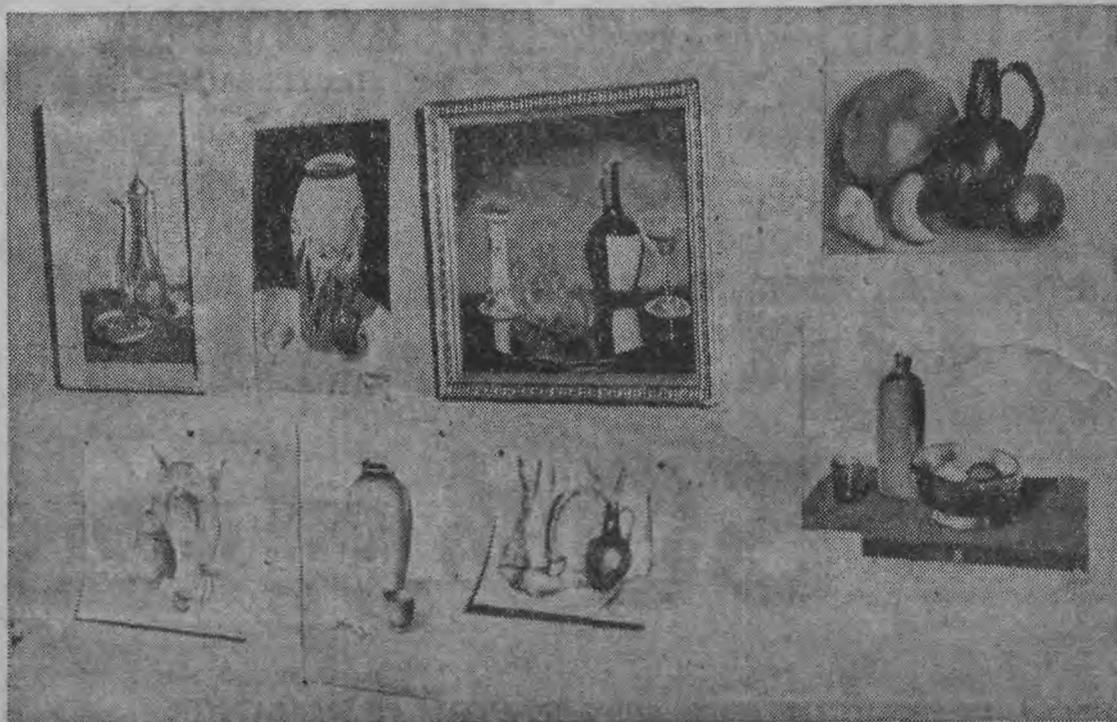


James W. Kerr.

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### Hundreds Attend Opening of Students' Exhibit



NOTABLE PROGRESS is indicated in work of pupil artists of the Entwistle School, as the exhibition continues this week at the Oak Street Galleries, Ridgewood. The above photograph shows one section of the wall with an interesting series of still life studies in oils and charcoal. (Staff Photographer Jorgensen)



PORTRAIT STUDY which has commendation for the artist, Mrs. E. Woodlock at the Entwistle Galleries exhibit of students' work.

### Intelligent Application and Progress Shown in Entwistle Pupils' Exhibit

The student exhibition at the Entwistle Galleries, Ridgewood, which opened on Sunday afternoon and will continue throughout the week, attracted many relatives and friends and the students themselves, all of whom observed with interest the work representative of the school's first term. The Galleries were attractively hung with various types and stages of pupils' paintings and sketches, and the interest indicated by hundreds who arrived between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock was far beyond expectation.

Punch and cookies were served by Doris Cox, Jean Bonvarlet and Carol Partin. The guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Entwistle, and James Wilfrid Kerr and Miss Helen DeBoer, the latter members of the teaching staff.

Friends and families were particularly interested in visiting the lofty

studio upstairs and picking out some of the objects they had seen in the paintings on exhibit. The work included a table of handicrafts done by the younger children, with linoleum cuts and Christmas cards. Visitors also noted the second stage of instruction—charcoal drawings and oil paintings in monochrome, which is used before the student goes into color. The color work showed a wide variety of subjects done both in oil and water color.

Charming water color sketches of downtown New York by Foster M. Sommerville, and other landscapes by Mrs. Cornelia Lees were especially admired. The oils were too numerous to mention by name but it was evident that the pupils with previous training at the galleries showed definite progress and the new students real promise.

There were still life groups, flowers, landscapes, portraits. Sketches from Mr. Kerr's life class, which is a new feature of the school this year, were of special interest. A large landscape by Mrs. Edward A. Synan caused much comment many marvelling that she could do it in class. Last summer on her vacation she made many sketches and now works them up in class. This Mrs. Synan has been able to accomplish after patiently doing still life and casts for a year, and her progress is encouraging to those students who say, "must I do still life?" and want to rush right into their specialty without any groundwork.

Two adult education groups from Paterson and Fair Lawn taught by Mr. Entwistle, were also represented in the comprehensive exhibit.

### Entwistle Gallery Becoming Center For Allied Arts

A wide variety of arts are now finding a congenial home under one roof at the Entwistle Galleries, Ridgewood. In addition to the regular painting classes which begin October 3, the meetings of the Camera Club, the Joe Jefferson Players and the

Last week a rather unique combination of the arts was achieved with the Women Gardeners of Ridgewood who demonstrated, among other striking exhibits, how flowers could be arranged to set off certain paintings. The Ridgewood Woman's Club is also arranging to hold its art classes in the Galleries.

Now the hammer and nails are out again to convert the old workshop into a dressing room for the dancing classes which will be held each afternoon. Dressing tables and coat racks, the right height for the stars of the future, will be installed. The dancing schools include those conducted by Sidney Sprague and Viola Austin.

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## Obituaries

### James McGovern

James McGovern of 50 Harrison Avenue, Waldwick, died suddenly on Thursday afternoon at St. Clair's Hospital, New York City, where he had been taken following a sudden seizure while at his place of business earlier that afternoon. He was 51 years of age. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St. Luke's R. C.

Church, Ho-Ho-Kus, on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. McGovern was born in Jersey City, the son of Thomas and Bridget McGovern. His early years were spent in that city and he moved with his family to Waldwick sixteen years ago. For nearly thirty years he had been employed by the Railway Express Agency of New York. A veteran of World War One who had seen overseas service, he was a member of Walter Nightengale Post, American Legion, of Waldwick. He was also a member of the Order of Seville, and of the Railway Express Employees Local, No. 459.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Lecowitch McGovern; two daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Brooks of Jersey City, and Miss Maryann McGovern, who is training as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson; one son, James Jr., who is thirteen, and a brother, John McGovern of Jersey City.

### DEFENSE ZONES LISTED

Five separate defense zones and plans for securing additional workers in the defense program were approved at a meeting of the Civilian Defense Council last Thursday night under the chairmanship of James W. Kerr.

The drive for volunteers and needed information will be conducted the week of November 13 to 18. Workers secured through the Council of Organizations and individuals willing to help will obtain data on information cards at this time, which are to be part of a permanent record of vital information should disaster strike.

The defense zones set up are Zone 1, which is bounded on the north by Allendale, south by Wyckoff, east by the west side of Crescent Avenue and west by Wyckoff. Zone 2 is bounded on the north by Allendale, south by Midland Park, east by the west side of Monroe Street and Hopper Avenue, and on the west by the east side of Crescent Avenue. Zone 3 is bounded on the north by Allendale, south by Ridgewood, east by the west side of the Turnpike and west by the east side of Monroe Street and Hopper Avenue. Zone 4 is bounded on the north by Saddle River, south by Ho-Ho-Kus, east by the west side of Ridge Street and west by the east side of the Turnpike. Zone 5 is bounded on the north by Saddle River, south by Ho-Ho-Kus, east by Saddle River and west by the east side of Ridge Street.

All volunteers who will distribute the information cards and anyone interested in helping with this vital and necessary program are urged to come to a meeting in the municipal building on November 3. Mr. Kerr is earnestly endeavoring to enlist the help of all men and women in the defense setup to prepare Waldwick in advance for any emergency.

# DEFENSE BODY MAY BREAK UP

## Waldwick C. D. Chief Decries Apathy

Waldwick—Whether or not this Borough has a Civilian Defense Council was a debatable subject here today following the reading of a letter from local Civil Defense Council Director James W. Kerr at a Borough Council meeting. Kerr disclosed the Council had been dissolved Tuesday night.

Kerr decried the lack of interest displayed in civilian defense work in the Borough in his letter addressed to Mayor William E. Ward. The letter, in part, follows:

"The activities of the Council within the possibilities of its members at the present time are very limited.

"Council members who are members of the Borough Council operate under too heavy a responsibility, apparently, to give the required time and attention to the Waldwick Civil Defense Council.

### SPOTTY ATTENDANCE

"The balance of the Council members have, on occasion and within their familiarity with the tasks, done a very good job. Their attendance at meetings has been spotty and conditioned by convenience and interest.

"On the basis of organization, there seems to be no individual nor any group of individuals familiar enough with this type of activity to become responsible for carrying through the work assigned. For instance, today there exists as far as the Defense Council is concerned no trained fire reserve.

"In the Police Department there is an attempt being made to organize a police reserve and to fur-

# Waldwick Civil Defense Director Moves To Disband Council As Interest Wanes

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ther and promote instruction in police work. In the department of communications, after repeated attempts, nothing has been done. In the public utilities department there has been a map made in conjunction with the Fire Department, which lists our complete water reserves such as valves, hydrants, and other vital statistics. Both the Fire and Police Departments have completely inventoried their equipment.

"The town has been covered by a card index which lists such pertinent information as can be used in defense work, a drive has been made to blood-type the citizens of Waldwick, which was moderately successful.

"The town has been divided into five zones and this zoning organization has been co-ordinated with the Fire and Public Utilities Departments.

### OFFICE IS SET UP

"An office has been established in the Municipal Building which can be used in time of emergency as a control room. It is equipped with four desks, and the usual office files and typing facilities, plus a telephone.

"With respect to office organiza-

tion and staffing by the citizens of Waldwick, it has been impossible to proceed along this line until the Council itself becomes conscious of its responsibility.

"In view of the above outlined facts, this is what I decided to do:

"On Tuesday evening, March 20, at a meeting of the Waldwick Civil Defense Council there were present two members of the office staff, and three Defense Council members and myself. It was apparent that the only thing which could be done was to dissolve the present organization as of that day. In order to reach more responsible people I appeared Wednesday evening, March 21, before a meeting of the Citizens Committee, and conducted a brief exploratory discussion on what could be done.

"I wish to make one point clear. I have not turned over to the Citizens Committee the running of the Defense Council, nor have I asked them to take over its affairs. But I did go to them in quest of responsible, experienced citizens who would take this matter seriously, and help to reorganize the Defense Council into an efficiently running organization.

"Mayor Ward, I felt that this report to you is in the nature of a

statement that you and the people of Waldwick are entitled to. Because I am unable to answer the queries which come to me from the State and area directors, I am taking the liberty to send them copies of this letter, which will explain any apparent laxity on my part.

### ASKS RECOMMENDATIONS

"Any recommendations which you or the members of the Borough Council may have will be thoughtfully considered".

Councilman Daniel Amster, after the letter was read, said he felt the breakdown was in the Defense Council itself. He said the same conditions prevail all over Bergen County, the State, and the nation.

He said Kerr cannot dissolve the Defense Council, in his opinion, as the members were named by the Mayor not Director Kerr. Borough Clerk Charles A. Bearce asserted the letter not at all appropriate saying his family filled out a card offering their services, his wife as a typist and his daughter as a nurse, and nothing has been done with their offer, given on an information card distributed by the Defense Council itself.

No action, however, was taken on Kerr's letter.

# Council Promises Action In Development Drainage

Waldwick — Action was promised within the next few days on the correction of the sanitary sewage problem still existing in the Waldwick Homes development by councilman Bruno Zorn at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on Thursday night. Zorn told of the meeting with developer Albert Ferdinand who said he will come back as soon as weather permits to do whatever is necessary to insure proper drainage.

In answer to a question from the floor by Walter Hermann, resident, as to whether it would meet with State approval, Councilman Zorn stated that permanent repairs would be made to the drain. State officials made their recommendations following an appeal to the Governor by Hermann, and they have been following up the situation. A proposal by Bogert and Childs, engineers, was approved by the State and the Board of Health president, Melvin Chapman suggested that Bogert and Childs be present at the time the developer fixes the existing drain.

### New Fire Truck

A lengthy discussion on a proposal to buy an American La France 1000-

gallon pumper fire truck for \$16,550 preceded its approval with Councilman Daniel Amster voting in the negative and Anthony Scafuro abstaining. Amster contended the National Board of Fire Underwriters should appraise Waldwick's needs and recommend the size and kind of new truck needed. He also claimed Waldwick's mains only pumped 600 gallons a minute and therefore a 1,000-gallon pumper was in excess. Scafuro stated he would like proposals from other companies as well.

Councilman Nelson Lumley stated the old engine is of 1928-vintage and hazardous and that American La France trucks have served the borough well. The present fire truck was purchased in 1947. Consensus was that two usable trucks are needed because of the increased population. Decision to float a bond issue for \$7,000 with the remainder to come out of the capital improvements account was unanimously approved.

A letter outlining the present setup for Civilian Defense in Waldwick by local director James W. Kerr pointed out that there was lack of cooperation on the part of council members who are extremely busy with other borough affairs. He added that he had disbanded the existing organization. Since this group was appointed by the Mayor, Mayor William E. Ward urged all councilmen to confer with Mr. Kerr. He specifically appealed to local residents and organizations to cooperate in this national defense measure since it so vitally affects everyone.

**Want CD Aid**  
On the suggestion of a communication from the Woodridge council, a resolution recommending that the Federal and State governments take immediate steps to provide money for Civilian Defense needs was passed and will be sent to the governing bodies.

A recommendation to lease a portion of the Erie Railroad ground, 189 x 25 feet for parking was referred to the special committee headed by Amster, since Amster and English felt that the Erie should provide the parking space and not the local council.

Board of Health recommendation that catch basins be cleaned out was referred to the Highway Committee. It was also recommended by the Mayor that the Utility Committee attend a meeting on the rapid transit proposal on March 30 in Hackensack.

Councilman Amster announced that he had received copies of ordinances from 1895 to 1937 from the borough clerk and that he now needed those from 1937 to 1948 to complete his codification. A request from the civics department of the Woman's Club to beautify the municipal grounds, paint furniture and refurbish the kitchen of the municipal building was granted, with thanks.

Fire commissioner Lumley's suggestion to paint the fire tower was approved. Request of residents to change some of the street names was referred to executive session of the council.

Mayor Ward reported on a recent meeting of Mayors of Northwest Bergen County where it was recommended to send a resolution requesting the Board of Chosen Freeholders to appoint a commission to study the recent sewage disposal report made by Bogert

and Childs. This resolution was approved.

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 WHAT'S THE USE?  
 Announcement that the Waldwick Civil Defense Council has been dissolved, although there seems to be some academic question as to who has power to effect such a dissolution, should carry considerable meaning for the many municipalities in the same position but still content to carry on with a dummy kind of organization.  
 According to Council Director James W. Kerr, the group just hasn't been able to get anywhere. Borough Council members are busy enough, and haven't time; attendance at meetings has been spotty and a matter of convenience and interest more than of responsibility; no fire reserve is being trained. On the other hand, an attempt is being made in the Police Department to organize a reserve; a map of local water reserves has been drawn up; a card index of residents has been established to give pertinent information for defense work; and a moderately successful blood-typing drive has been made.  
 There they are: a little good here, a little bad there; here some interest, there no interest. It's a pretty representative picture in the County and in the State, as a Waldwick Councilman observed. Doesn't this emphasize again the need for comprehensive and elucidating regional planning? What in effect could Waldwick do if an atomic bomb landed in the area? It could exert no effort which would not be better expended on a controlled area basis, co-operating, co-ordinating to take care of its own and of others as need arose. And how about help — professional, matter-of-fact help from the State and the federal government, and a little cash too? In brief, how about some simple organization at a higher level than the municipal before the Waldwick frame of mind gets to be an uncontrollable epidemic?

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James W Kerr  
117 Dora Ave.  
Waldwick, N J

**New Jersey's 7  
Most Eminent  
Veterans**

1. James W. Kerr
2. Bill Vitzthum
3. Kenneth C. Doty
4. William Guthrie
5. Michael De Vita
6. H. G. Hoffman
7. C. De Korte

**Garden State's 7  
Most Eminent  
Club Presidents**

1. V. Flanagan
2. Irving Slowes
3. Frank English
4. Anthony Scafuro
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## Ex-Legion Commr. Kerr Says Defense Body May Fold Up Soon

### Apathy Of Key Members Cause To End Council

#### Waldwick Solons Plan To Take Action To Re- vitalize Setup To Meet Future Emergencies

Former American Legion Commander James W. Kerr, director of Waldwick Civilian Defense Council, notified local governing body at its meeting last week that the local defense body may break up due to apathy displayed by key units of the setup.

Kerr declared the local civilian defense had been dissolved due to lack of attendance by the majority of the members and pointed out that the activities of the defense body within the possibilities of the members have been very limited.

Among other things Director Kerr said: "On the basis of the organization there seems to be no individual nor any group of individuals familiar enough with this type of activity to become responsible to carry on through the work assigned. There is no defense fire reserve. Nothing has been done in the public utilities department."

A Councilman said Kerr cannot dissolve the defense setup as the members were named by the Mayor and not by the Director. No action, however, was taken by the governing body on Kerr's communication and it is believed that efforts will be made by Mayor Ward to enlist the cooperation of all local veterans organizations to help revitalize the defense body and find ways and means to continue the activities of the setup.

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## Mayor Reorganizes Civilian Defense Council After Apathy Status Disclosed By James Kerr

Acting on disclosure made recently by former American Legion Commander James W. Kerr, the Mayor of Waldwick reorganized the local civilian defense council. The meeting was called by Mr. Kerr upon request of the Mayor last Tuesday night to obtain a working organization.

James Farmer, newly-appointed administrative head, outlined the functions and operations of the civilian defense setup. The members of the governing body were placed under advisory capacity under the local chief executive. New deputy directors named to operate in their designated division under Director Kerr were: James Peace, communications; Rev. James Carver, evacuation and civilian war aids. John Pick, police; Cornelius De Korte, utilities; Paul A. Vivers, legal department; Mrs. Robert H. Wegener, public information, and Mrs. Har-

old Schroeder, personnel and records. A new training program will be outlined soon for fire and police reserves.

## Rev. J. H. Carver Emergency Fund Co-Chairman

Waldwick — The Rev. James H. Carver has been appointed co-chairman of the Waldwick Emergency Fund to work in conjunction with chairman James W. Kerr. Mr. Carver volunteered his services and will take over the detailed duties.

Plans were also made at a meeting of the Emergency Fund Trustees last Sunday afternoon to secure a new member to replace Thomas Hilton who moved to Florida last Spring.

An all-out drive for funds will be conducted in September, and organizations are being requested to set up an amount in their budgets for contribution to the Emergency Fund in order to enable it to carry on the worthwhile aid to destitute families facing emergencies.

The Waldwick Emergency Fund was organized two years ago in August at the time Edgar Hunt, young Waldwick father of three children, was fatally stricken with polio. It has carried on its emergency appropriation work ever since, depending wholly on personal and organizational contributions to maintain its treasury. Many destitute families needing immediate financial aid have turned with relief to this unique agency.

Secretary Mrs. Fred Guenther reports that letters from all over are constantly received inquiring about the work of the Emergency Fund and its method of giving aid. It is completely locally administered and is the first-known volunteer community organization of its kind.

Presently serving as trustees in addition to Chairman Kerr and Mr. Carver are Mrs. Ruth Honig, Dr. James F. Brescia and Garret Hewson.

A blood bank for emergency use by Waldwick residents is constantly kept at the Hackensack Hospital. Residents are asked by the Emergency Fund trustees to keep this bank supplied by their donations whenever possible and to be sure to specify their blood is being donated for use by the Waldwick Emergency Fund patients.

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### This Is Waldwick

(Editor's Note: The opinions expressed in column are those of the author and are not necessarily in agreement with those of the publishers.)

This is not a news item. It is not simply the report of another meeting, though in the beginning it may appear to be just that.

On Sunday afternoon, August 5, the chairman, James W. Kerr, called a meeting of The Waldwick Emergency Fund for three o'clock in the Municipal Building. The meeting was held.

As simple as that, but we hope that it will raise a question in your mind. We hope that you will ask, "What is the Waldwick Emergency Fund?"

Well, The Waldwick Emergency Fund, Inc., is not just another organization. True, behind it there is a very simple plan by which a group of people may serve their neighbors in an orderly and dependable way. But, we insist, The Waldwick Emergency Fund is not just another organization. It is a bank balance,—dollars and cents which the people of Waldwick have contributed personally and through those organizations in which they hold membership. It is a bank balance which represents the good neighbor spirit of this Borough. The people of Waldwick gave the money. The people of Waldwick are to use it in times of emergency. It represents the "Good Samaritan" spirit at work.

Article II, Paragraph I of the By-Laws sums up very briefly the aim and purpose of The Waldwick Emergency Fund. We quote: "To aid in all ways the needy and poor, the helpless and destitute, the lame and crippled, the blind and deaf, or any other unfortunate of the Borough of Waldwick, regardless of race, color or creed."

Let us be reminded of one other thing: The Waldwick Emergency Fund is not a charity. It represents money freely given, wisely administered (with a regular audit), and willingly used by a people who call themselves neighbors, and who prove that relationship by the way in which they live together. This is Waldwick. . . .

Every Sunday morning we watch with growing admiration and respect the way in which our local police handle the traffic at the intersection of Franklin Turnpike and Wyckoff Avenue. These two streets are crowded with cars filled with people who are seeking relief from the cities. To make the whole problem more complicated, over these same streets must pass men and women, boys and girls, either by auto or on foot, on their way to their respective churches.

We might shiver and shake for the safety of our youngsters as they make their way to religious services were it not for the presence of representatives of our police department. It takes but a minute or two of observation to discover that our police are capable and trained men. But what impresses us just as much is that they are courteous and considerate in the discharge of their duty. Their efficiency plus their kindness and understanding give us a real sense of security as we trust to their care the safety of our children.

The things that people do for each other in every community make it more than a municipality. They make the community a neighborhood. They make it home. We appreciate what our police do in making our community a home,—a real place of security. This is Waldwick.

—J. H. CARVER

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## C. D. Equipment Is Ready, But Where Are Workers?

Waldwick—The Civilian Defense Council now has two typewriters, four desks, and five telephones, and 23 key jobs which must be filled.

Anaconda Copper and Metropolitan Life each donated two desks; Zamore Builds gave the tables. "Too bad some benefactor can't donate our workers too, but Waldwick will have to supply those," James Kerr, chairman of Civilian Defense, asserts.

For the first time, the Civilian Defense Council is going to advertise, he declared. Of five deputy director posts only one is filled. James Carver, minister of the Methodist Church, is deputy director of evacuation. Four openings are in technical services, operations, special weapons and medical and of administration.

"We who are active in C. D. expect and believe there will be an attack," he said. "Those who are not active in Civilian Defense just haven't gotten around to that idea yet. They don't imagine how they'll be needed. They haven't pictured

for themselves the difference between what will happen to a town that is trained and alert and a town that is not. As soon as Waldwick citizens start to get that picture more of them will be in here to sign up for training."

Volunteers are needed to man a communications division. Workers must be found for an engineering and public works division, a rescue division, and an air raid warning and aircraft observers division.

Under operations men must be found to head a mutual aid and mobile reserve division and warden services division. Zones 1, 4, and 5 are headed by Gottfried Heinzmann, Thomas Williams, and George Sondergaard. Captains are needed for zones 2 and 3.

Also under operations is the police services division, headed by John Koeppinger, and the fire services division, headed by Joseph T. Mooney.

None of the divisions under special weapons and medical are filled: radiological defense, chemical defense, medical and health services, and other special weapons defense division.

None of Waldwick's attorneys has stepped up to head the legal division. Also needed is a supervisor to the training division which must work with the fire and police services divisions to get civilians trained as police and fire reserves.

Members of the Woman's Club have reported for work every Wednesday morning since September 26. They are bringing the card file up to date. Those on the project are Mrs. Simeon Jester, Mrs. Laurence Bailie, Mrs. Syvert Neilson, Mrs. John F. Ruby, Mrs. Joseph Johler, Mrs. Everett Goff, Mrs. F. T. Muller, Mrs. J. Coomber, and Mrs. Donald Earle.

Two appointments were announced by local chairman of the Civilian Defense Council James W. Kerr at a meeting on Tuesday evening. Lindsey Williams will be Captain of Zone 5 and Thomas Williams will be Captain of Zone 4.

It was also announced that a

### CD GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

Waldwick—The local Civil Defense control room in the municipal building is taking on the appearance of an efficient office, with the contribution of two tables by David Zamore of Zamore Builds. The tables are located under the large zone map of the borough and will be equipped with telephones to facilitate the work of the zone captains.

Clerical volunteers will be called shortly to assist in the mounting pile of detail work which up to this point has been handled by Mrs. Harold Schroeder and Mrs. Robert H. Wegener.

The communications system has been streamlined with the additions of phones connecting the various departments of the borough for instant contact in an emergency.

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# News of Waldwick

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## Kerr Appeals for Workers To Fill Vacant CD Offices

Waldwick—The Civil Defense Council of Waldwick now has two typewriters, four desks, five telephones and 23 key jobs which must be filled. Anaconda Copper and Metropolitan Life each donated two desks; Zamore Builds gave the tables. "Too bad some benefactor can't donate our workers, too, but Waldwick will have to supply those," James Kerr, Chairman of Civilian Defense, said at the Council's weekly meeting, held last week in the Municipal Building. He then pointed to a chart on the wall where thirty rectangles represent the key posts in Waldwick's Civilian Defense set-up.

"In each of these rectangles we are supposed to have a name," Mr. Kerr said. "We have names in only seven. Twenty-three are blank." For the first time, the Civilian Defense Council is going to advertise, he declared. "Tell the people of Waldwick this is what we need," he jabbed the top row of rectangles with his finger, "of the five Deputy Directors, only one post is filled. James Carver, Minister of the Waldwick Methodist Church, is Deputy Director of Evacuation." The four that are begging are: Director of Technical Services; of Operations; of Special Weapons and Medical, and of Administration.

"Mr. Carver needs help badly. These must be filled," he pointed to two empty oblongs under Evacuation, "Evacuation Division and Civilian War Aid Division. Do you know what this Civilian War Aid group will do? It will try to rejoin families who have become separated; it will pick up lost and dazed people and give them shelter, clothing, food.

"We who are active in CD expect and believe there will be an attack," he interrupted himself. "Those who are not active in Civilian Defense just haven't gotten around to that idea yet. They don't imagine how they'll be needed. They haven't pictured for themselves the difference between what will happen to a town that is trained and alert and a town that is not. As soon as Waldwick citizens start to get that picture more of them will be in here to sign up for training."

Civilian Defense authorities in the area are now planning to make surprise tests of local Civilian Defense organizations. Mr. Kerr looked at the chart. "How do you think we'll make out?"

He named other jobs seeking people: under the Deputy Director of Technical Services volunteers are needed to man a Communications Division (including walkie-talkie and radio). Workers must be found for an Engineering and Public Works Division, a Rescue Division and an Air Raid Warning and Aircraft Observers Division.

Under Operations men must be found to head a Mutual Aid and Mobile Reserve Division, and the Warden Services Division, or block plan, so vital to the protection of Waldwick's families. Zones 1, 4 and 5 are headed by Gottfried Heinzelmann, Thomas Williams and George Sondergaard. Captains are needed for Zones 2 and 3.

Also under Operations is the Police Services Division, headed by John Koeplinger, one of Waldwick's Marshals; and the Fire Services Division, headed by Joseph T. Mooney, Waldwick Fireman.

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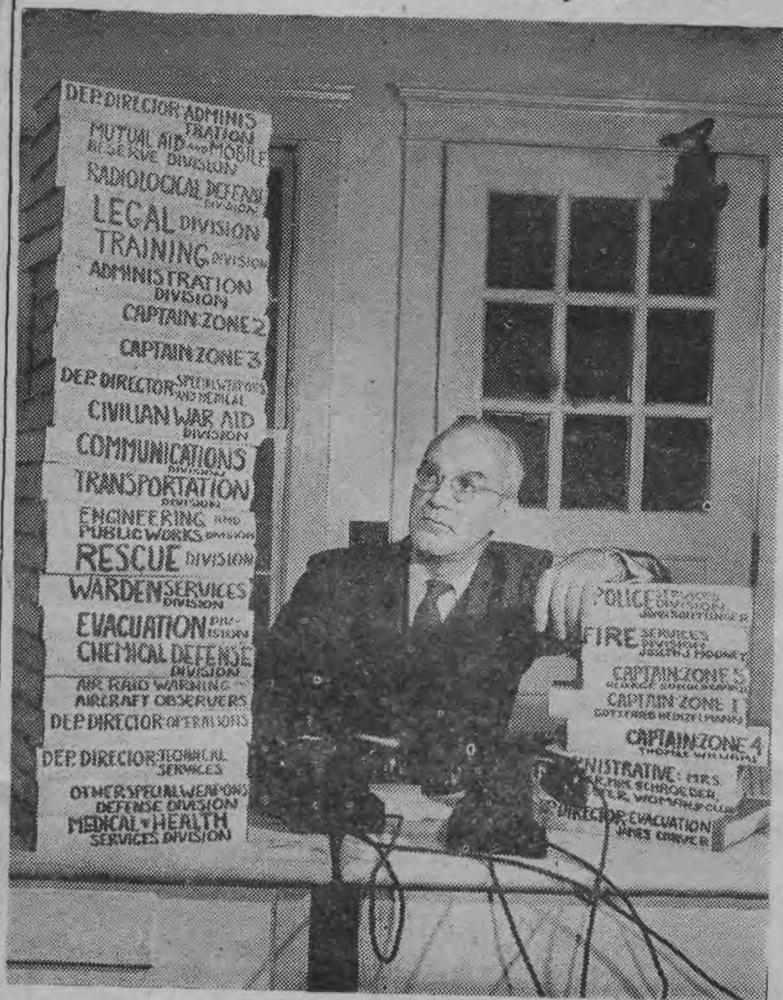
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"The Welfare Department of the

Woman's Club, under Mrs. Simeon Jester, has taken over part of the Administration work," Mr. Kerr said, "and I want to thank each of them, as well as my stalwarts, Mrs. Robert Wegener and Mrs. Harold Schroeder, for breaking them in on office routine."

The women, who have reported for work every Wednesday morning since September 26, are presently involved in bringing the Civilian Defense card file on Waldwick residents up to date, a job involving thousands of telephone calls. Those on the project besides Mrs. Jester are: Mrs. Laurence Bailie, Mrs. Syvert Neilson, Mrs. John F. Ruby, Mrs. Joseph Johler, Mrs. Everett Goff, Mrs. F. T. Muller, Mrs. J. Coomber and Mrs. Donald Earle.

## Waldwick Sets Pace As Being Progressive CD Area Under Supervision of Director James Kerr



Past American Legion Commander James W. Kerr, Waldwick's Civilian Defense Director, is shown in above picture. Much more work has yet to be done despite the fact that Waldwick's CD setup is rated as being one of the best in New Jersey.

On the chart some 30 rectangles represent the key posts in the local setup. Volunteers may call Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings: Allendale 1-5070.

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## Lack of Civilian Interest In Defense Alarming—Kerr

Waldwick—"In spite of all the publicity on the subject, the lack of public interest in civilian defense is alarming," warned James W. Kerr, director of civil defense in Waldwick at a meeting of the Waldwick Woodlands Association on Monday evening in the municipal building.

Mr. Kerr stated that experts believe that 7 out of 10 planes attacking America would get through our defense and that only by thorough preparation and knowledge of home defense can people hope to help themselves and to aid stricken areas.

WWA president, Victor A. Rush, said that he hoped many members would be able to aid the Civil defense effort in Waldwick.

At the business meeting preceding Mr. Kerr's talk, the group voted to proceed with plans to incorporate the organization.

John Rodenburg, chairman of the dance held on December 8 in the municipal building, announced that it had been a successful venture and that 80 members attended the affair.

Plans for a Christmas party for children of the community were detailed by William Schwentler Jr., chairman. Children and their parents are invited to meet on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. at a brightly-decorated tree which will be set up on lower Donald Place. Santa Claus is expected to arrive at the party while the group is singing Christmas carols. Parents are asked to take a gift for each child in their family attending to the home of Basil Manouso, 18 Ridge Street, before 10 p.m. Sunday, December 23, so that each child will be assured of receiving a gift.

A letter from the American Legion was read stating that the bloodmobile will be in Waldwick on January 25 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Legion Home on Franklin Turnpike. Mrs. Vernon Townley, WWA vice-president, said that several members are presently making a door-to-door canvas of the Woodlands to secure pledges for the bloodmobile.

Coffee and cookies were served to the group after the meeting by a committee headed by Mrs. Townley.

# Waldwick Pupils Present Christmas Tableaux

Waldwick — Seventh and eighth grade students took part in a series of tableaux with musical accompaniment which depicted the story of Christmas and how it is celebrated in many lands, at the Christmas program of the Waldwick PTA on Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the public school.

Production was under the direction of Miss Julia Traphagen, eighth-grade teacher and vice-principal, who was aided in staging the tableaux by William Perry, seventh-grade teacher. The musical background and chorus numbers were directed and accompanied by the new music teacher, Robert Olsar, who although only a member of the staff for two weeks, turned out a remarkable job. Community singing of Christmas carols, following the entertainment, was led by Dr. Bjornar Bergethon, and a reading of the Biblical Christmas story was given by the Rev. James E. Carver. The stage of the auditorium was decorated with an enormous blue and silver decorated Christmas tree,

which was a present of Principal D. Frank Workman.

An introduction explaining the beginning of our Christmas custom of giving as based upon gifts made to the Christ child 2000 years ago, was given by Linda Dean. As Dorothy Koehler told of German and Swiss methods of gift presentation, Annamae Rickle portrayed a young helper of St. Nicholas. Three Swedish 'arboys represented by Charles Hopper, Robert Burns and Tony Koch then accompanied Annamae dressed in a white gown and crown. She passed Yuletide cake while Charles Sumtner explained Scandinavian traditions.

Ways in which children receive their gifts in France, Holland, Belgium and Spain were told by Carolyn Knack and illustrated by Robert Mable as St. Nicholas dressed in a Bishop's red robe and accompanied by Charles Alexander as his servant, Black Peter. Slavic customs of the season, as narrated by Bernice Luchese, called forth a lively red-tongued devil in the person of Charles Alexander. He assisted St. Nikulas in his tasks while Robert Mable showed how Yugoslavs sprinkle their Christmas log with wine and corn.

The story of Christmas in Mexico, the Near East and the Holy Land, as related by Manuel Del Gazio, called forth a tableau of Annamae Rickle bending over the cradle of the sleeping Child. Standing before a holly-decorated fireplace, Toni D'Annibale told of Italian and English methods of celebration.

The ending, Christmas in America, which as explained by Linda Dean, "is not like Christmas in any other land for it is like Christmas in many lands," told of how our remembrance of the Saviour's birth weaves together "the colorful threads of bits of Christmas from everywhere."

Finale for the tableaux and narration was the singing of Silent Night by soloist Lucille Saputo. The story of "Christmas in Many Lands" was written by Miss Traphagen and was based on considerable research. Final touch to the evening's enjoyment

## Rose N. Kerr To Make TV Appearance

Waldwick—Rose Netzorg Kerr, author of "100 Years of Costumes in America," recently published, will appear in person on the Barbara Welles television program, WOR, at 2:45 p. m. on Friday, December 28.

A conversational review of the book will be presented as well as televised casts of the original drawings on costume design used in the book.

★ came for juvenile members when the red-robed Bishop presented all with gaily wrapped lollipops.

### STUDENTS VISIT BANK

Waldwick—Dairies and their operations, World wars, bank operations and Christmas are occupying students in the Waldwick public school these days.

Last week students of Robert Buckley's fifth grade visited the Allendale National Bank, where Mr. Hamilton explained the bank and its operations. Mr. Buckley's class is also working on a study of World Wars I and II. Objectives set in the study are how the wars started, weapons, leaders, where the wars were fought and who fought in them.

Miss Julia Traphagen's eighth grade recently viewed films from the Creamy Rich Dairy showing dairy-farm life. Also on the program were "The Night Before Christmas" and "The Capture of a Wild Elephant." Eighth-graders are also looking forward to movies promised to them by Principal D. Frank Workman on the last day of school before the Christmas holidays.

Attractive and useful Christmas presents were the order of the week in Mrs. Laura Hinaman's third grade. On Friday, as in all the other grades, hobby gifts were exchanged. It was hoped by the third graders that Mary Ford, who has been unable to attend class, could be present for the party.

### FIRE AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Waldwick—At the annual election of officers of the Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department auxiliary last Tuesday evening, Mrs. Andrew La Tomme was elected president. Other officers elected were Mrs. Philip Toomey, vice-president; Mrs. William Craig, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Mergl, treasurer.

A Christmas party followed the business meeting, and hobby gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served by Mrs. William Schust and her committee.

### SCHOOL BOARD WORKS ON BUDGET

Waldwick — Board of Education members met last Monday evening to draw up a tentative 1952-1953 school budget for submission to the County Superintendent before public hearing, as required by a new ruling.

Major rises in the budget this year are directly attributable to the increased enrollment in the school which is expected to reach 650 next September, according to Principal D. Frank Workman.

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# Sprinkling Ban Still On Waldwick Council Told

Waldwick — The ban on water sprinkling must continue in Waldwick and the portion of Ho-Ho-Kus served with Waldwick water, according to a report by Councilman Bruno Zorn at Friday night's session of the Borough Council. The failure of the Harrison Avenue pump necessitated the ban. Zorn also stated that the pump for the new well at the Malcolm Street site would not be received until after August in spite of the fact that it was due in April.

An adjourned meeting of the council was set for Wednesday evening at 8 to which the pump manufacturer and the former borough engineer who supervised the well digging operations will be invited. Attorney Paul Vivers was questioned on the possibility of breaking the contract for the pump since it called for delivery in 120 days and securing a pump from other sources. Councilman Zorn stated his department could get a satisfactory pump within one week.

A new water storage tank will also be considered at this meeting, rather than renovating the old tank as originally proposed.

Four ordinances became law on Friday night covering borough employees salaries, purchase of a water billing machine for \$2,500, a compressor and self-loading tractor for \$4,500, purchase of a combination front end loader for \$900 and construction of

French drain and necessary appurtenances in the Waldwick Homes section through Richard Drive and Charles Terrace for a cost not to exceed \$5,800. The salary ordinance was amended to include 75 percent of all fees to be paid the official assessment searcher.

Arthur Bedard of Lincoln Place and a resident from the area affected in the Waldwick Homes development protested at great length the cost of the drain being assessed to the homeowners. There were no other objections during the public hearings to any of the ordinances.

Councilman Anthony Scafuro voted "no" on the salary ordinance and former Councilman Daniel Amster questioned from the floor why code numbers were not attached to the ordinances to follow the codification system he set up while in office. Scafuro also stated that he felt clerk hire could be reduced when the water billing machine was received.

Resignation of Civil Defense Director James W. Kerr was accepted with regret and Lawrence Mahon, recommended by Kerr, was appointed as his successor. A list of recommendations for the Civil Defense setup was also submitted by Kerr.

Councilman Ludwig Smith was unable to attend the meeting as he is at The Valley Hospital.

# C.D. Director Kerr Leaves Post

James W. Kerr, Civilian Defense Director, submitted his resignation effective May 13 to the Mayor and Council at Friday evening's meeting. Director Kerr gave a detailed account of the recent air raid drill and also recommendations regarding the police and fire reserves and the establishment of a complete first air depot in the school and municipal building.

His resignation was accepted with regret and Lawrence Mahon who has served under Kerr, as Deputy Director was named to fill the post.

# Emergency Fund Needs Aid, States Kerr

Defining the work of the Waldwick Emergency Fund as a community endeavor whereby neighbor helps neighbor, chairman J. W. Kerr, at an executive meeting of the Fund held last Sunday afternoon, vigorously refuted the idea that the group's work was "charity". He also made it clear that if operations are to be carried on, it would be necessary for every citizen and organization in the Borough to make substantial contributions.

"We handle more emergencies than the public ever knows," stated Kerr, stressing the Fund's importance as a resort in times of distress.

The appointment of Howard H. Stevenson, 19 W. Saddle River Rd., to the Board of Trustees was confirmed. Mr. Stevenson is employed in the New York office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., is co-chairman of the Official Board of the Waldwick Methodist church and a member of its Board of Stewards as well as Finance Committee chairman. The appointment of James H. Carver as co-chairman of the Fund was also confirmed.

Mr. Kerr then appointed Mr. Carver to head a committee to raise \$500 by the end of the year. The campaign will be formally launched on September 15.

"We must have the money," emphasized Mr. Kerr, "if we are to do our work."

# Emergency Fund To Launch Drive For \$500 in Fall

Waldwick—The Executive Committee of the Waldwick Emergency Fund, Inc., met at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon at the Municipal Building. James W. Kerr, Chairman, presided.

Mr. Kerr announced the confirmation of the appointment of Howard H. Stevenson, 19 West Saddle River Road, to the Board of Trustees. Stevenson is employed in the New York office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., is a member of the Waldwick Methodist Church where he serves as co-chairman of the Official Board, as a member of the Board of Stewards, and is chairman of the Finance Committee. The appointment of the Rev. James H. Carver as co-chairman of the fund was also announced as having been confirmed at the last general meeting.

Chairman Kerr spoke to the group in regard to the number of emergencies handled and made it clear that if this important work of the Emergency Fund is to be carried on effectively, every citizen and every Borough organization will have to make a substantial contribution. "The Waldwick Emergency Fund is definitely not a charity," he said. "It is a community endeavor whereby neighbor can help neighbor."

Mr. Kerr appointed his co-chairmen, Mr. Carver, to head a committee to raise \$500 by the end of the

# Funds Needed

"The treasury of the Waldwick Emergency Fund is low at the present time and cash contributions from residents and local groups are urgently needed in order to carry on", states James W. Kerr, chairman of the Fund.

The fund was established in 1949 to assist residents in time of immediate need. Donations are to be sent to Mrs. Jacob Van Paaschen.

Chairman Kerr will be willing to address local groups outlining the purpose of this fund which enables the community to assist its own in time of need.

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**Local Man Wins \$500 On**

# Legion Honors Past Commanders

Past Commander James W. Kerr of the Walter Nightingale American Legion Post No. 1057, acted as master of ceremonies for the second annual Past Commanders dinners held in the Legion Home on Thursday, May 22. Mr. Kerr gave a brief history of the post and a memorial service was held for those Past Commanders who have died since the Post's establishment.

Col. Edward Catalini and William Busch then showed a film on an appropriate subject. The dinner was served under the direction of Anthony Riccardi.

Saturday night saw Legionnaires and their Ladies back at the Home for the annual, VE Day dance to the tunes of Tony Riccardi's orchestra. During the festivities, a 45 RPM record player was won by Legionnaire A. Degar of the Ramsey Legion Post.

# Heavy Business Schedule Holds Council to Late Hour

**Waldwick** — Complicating business involving two long discussions on town problems, again delayed reading of the proposed new police ordinance when the Borough Council met Friday night. When it became apparent that the meeting would continue until a very late hour, it was decided to defer reading the ordinance to an adjourned meeting scheduled for this coming Friday night.

## Will Count Cars

The State Highway Department replied to the council's request for a traffic light on Wyckoff Avenue and Franklin Turnpike that a traffic count of the area will be made. The council instructed the clerk to write to the department pointing out the hazard that will exist upon completion of the Grand Union at the junction. The Business Associates recommended sidewalk to be installed on the west side between Prospect Street and Wyckoff Avenue on Franklin Turnpike. A letter was also received from the State saying that the request for a traffic light on Route 17 and Prospect Street was being investigated. Mayor Nelson Lumley pointed out that the cost of such a light is in the neighborhood of \$12,000 with the cost to the borough probably about \$3,500, since it requires moving the island. As to the guard rail requested for the east side of Route 17, after a near serious mishap recently when two large truck tires rolled over private lawns narrowly missing children, the State replied they did not think it justified. The borough attorney was instructed to reply explaining the nature of the request.

## Mrs. Kerr Resigns

The resignation of Mrs. Rose Kerr from the Planning Board was accepted with regret. The Planning Board also submitted a recommendation that Walter Hammond Place be continued through, some time in the future to ease the traffic situation surrounding the Grand Union.

A petition of 108 homeowners was filed with the council by attorney

Daniel Amster representing William J. Henderson, owner of the grocery store off Crescent Avenue, stating they wished the council to permit the continuance of this store in the residential area. It was pointed out that three other businesses on the corner of this street, all in violation of the zoning ordinance but operating with

## Waldwick News

## Legion Post 57, Auxiliary Holds Joint Installation

Waldwick — Joint installation of Frank Abee as the new Commander of American Legion Post 57 and Mrs. Kenneth D. Doty as president of the Auxiliary was made at impressive ceremonies in the American Legion Post Home on Franklin Turnpike Saturday evening.

Past Commander James W. Kerr was master of ceremonies at a turkey dinner which was held prior to the installation. About 120 members and guests attended. County Vice Commanders John Parke and George O'Connell and Past County presidents Mrs. Ethel Arlt and Mrs. Martha Becker were the installing officers.

Retiring Commander Robert Eichler was presented with a jeweled Past Commander's pin in token of his service from October 1950 to 1952. A review of the accomplishments of the local Legion under Eichler's command was cited by Past Commander Harold Lampe. Among the services mentioned were remodeling of the Legion Post, the establishment of the Waldwick American Legion Volunteer Ambulance Corps and participation in bringing the blood bank to Waldwick last Spring.

Other officers installed in the Legion were Clyde R. Tillison, senior vice commander; Alfred Coveney, junior vice commander; Harry Williams, adjutant; Sheldon McWilliams, finance officer; John Tolisano, service officer; Robert Eichler, historian; and Eusebio Montanile and Louis Perrone, sergeants-at-arms.

Mrs. Arthur Vernon was installed as senior vice-president in the Auxiliary; Mrs. Clyde Tillison, junior vice-president; Mrs. Robert Burke, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edith Fifueuroa, recording secretary; Mrs. Grace K. Mott, treasurer and Mrs. Edith Coveney as sergeant-at-arms.

A past president's pin was given to Mrs. Peter Lecowitch, retiring president, as well as a water color portrait by Mrs. Rose Netzorg Kerr, famous artist of Waldwick. Mrs. Kerr has established the custom of painting all retiring presidents.

### SQUARE DANCE NETS \$100 FOR CHURCH FUND

Waldwick—Proceeds from the annual square dance held by the Thursday Club recently enriched the "Your Better Church" fund of the Waldwick Methodist Church by \$100.

Mrs. George Purpuse, ticket chair-

man, made this announcement at the regular meeting of the group last week and Mrs. John Kelso, chairman and Mrs. John Kerr co-chairman were thanked for their efforts in making the dance a success.

A buffet supper is being planned for November 15 in the church hall, with Mrs. R. E. Colby in charge. Guests will bring a covered dish. After the buffet, it is planned to auction "white elephants."

Mrs. K. O. Schoonmaker, who is in charge of the nursery during Sunday morning church service, reported an increase in children attending. She also stated that another play pen and two pads, as well as a high chair are needed. Any of these items offered will be picked up by members of the club.

Mrs. Stanley S. Chesney became a member of the group at this meeting.

### CLEAN-UP WEEK

Waldwick—"Clean-Up Week" in the borough is scheduled from October 20 through 25. Residents are urged to go through their attics, garages and the like and dispose of all unnecessary trash during this week. The scavenger will pick up all types of refuse placed at the curb.

### SCOUTS HIKE TO KITTATINNY MOUNTAINS

Waldwick—Twelve Scouts and Scout leaders, led by Scoutmaster Earland Sandstrom and Assistant Scoutmaster William Braun, invaded the Kittatinny Mountains last weekend on an overnight camping trip.

Scouts were taught the proper camping technique and experienced camp-fire cooking. An all-night safety vigil was kept with each scout and leader on duty for an hour by the camp-fire. Church services for Protestants and Catholics were also observed on Sunday. Many Scouts passed tests while thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Four new-scouts John Post, William White, Karsten Sandsmark and John Perry, were received in the troop at last Wednesday night's meeting. A paper drive with all funds going to the local troop was planned for November 15. A flyer will be distributed this week urging residents to save their papers for the Boy Scouts.

### WALDWICK NOTES

The Waldwick Board of Education will meet in regular session Monday evening at 8 in the Home Economics room of the public school. The public is welcome to attend.

The public library located in the basement of the public school will be closed tomorrow afternoon because of the holiday. Normal hours of the library are on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 and on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:15 to 9.

## Club Highlights Tips on Flower Arrangements

Waldwick—The Garden Club heard Mrs. Herbert Conover of Oradell, expert on the art of flower arrangement, at its Wednesday night meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Maurice Wimblish.

Mrs. Conover stressed suitability of arrangements to their setting, season,

and containers, and explained the elements of balance using flowers and leaves now available for illustration. Members found her talk full of helpful hints on making successful arrangements and her arrangements especially lovely.

During the business meeting Mrs. Edward Denmea, co-chairman with Mrs. George Gilman of the Winter Show to be held in conjunction with the Art Department of the Woman's Club on November 8 and 9, reported on progress made with plans. Plans for staging the event are well under

way, and the schedules have been approved. The hall of the Methodist Church on Franklin Turnpike will be the new site this year. Special exhibits have been assigned to club members and it is hoped many non-members will make entries. Schedules will be available through members.

### Kerr Gives Prizes For Color Slides In Camera Contest

The artist has an advantage over the photographer, in that he can eliminate unwanted material when he paints his picture. James W. Kerr, artist, told members and guests of the Ridgewood Camera Club Wednesday night. The occasion was the first color slide contest of the season, held in the Ridgewood Y building and Mr. Kerr was present to serve as judge.

"Camerists," he said, "work in a world of light, and they have to make their selection of objects to go into their pictures before they click the camera shutter. This ability to make the proper selection is the factor that takes the successful photographer out of the rut occupied by the ordinary run of shutter clickers."

The color slide contest marked the beginning of a new system of judging for the Ridgewood Club. Instead of selecting first, second and third awards, Mr. Kerr set aside three slides for "awards" and four for "honors."

Awards were won by Ralph King for his fishing boat picture taken at Gloucester; Dorothy Parr for her "Canterbury" and R. G. Muzzio for his "Water Lilies." Honors went to Freeman Duston for his "Water Lilies" and "Rose," Harriet Duston for her fishing boats picture and to James Bolland for his striking picture of "Maine Coast Breakers."

The season's first print night will be held next Wednesday night with prints on any subject acceptable in both the novice and advanced classes. Club sessions are now in the club's new room in the Y basement.

## Slide of Year Announcement Wednesday

The big event of the year to color slide makers of the Ridgewood Camera Club will occur Wednesday night when the annual color slide salon is held and the Slide of the Year selected.

The meeting will be held in the senior lounge of the Y building and guests are welcome to view the slides to be projected on the screen.

Each member may enter four slides, with no restrictions except that previous annual salon winners will be barred. An outstanding jury of judges will pass on the entries. They will be Mrs. Dorothy Meigs Eidlitz, FPSA, of Riversale-on-Hudson, one of the country's outstanding slide makers and recently named chairman of the honors committee of the Photo Journalism division of PSA, Mr. James Kerr, of Waldwick, an artist of note

previously judged one of Ridgewood's monthly slide competitions, and

a third member still to be announced.

It is expected that the quality of the entries will be high inasmuch as winners in monthly contests this season have all been of exceptional caliber.

The club's black and white print competition will end May 18 with the annual print salon at which the Print

of the Year will be selected. The winning print will be framed and presented to the Pease Memorial Library to take its place in the gallery of winners from previous years. Judges will be Howard Greene, Matthew Romby and William Plumbhoff.

The annual dinner, final event in the club's calendar for the season, will be held at the Villa Lafayette May 25. Awards will be made to high point winners in the club's monthly contests and an outstanding entertainment program will be given. New officers, to be elected at the May 18 meeting, will be inducted.

### Mrs. Jackson's Slide Picked For Top Honor

Mere male members of the Ridgewood Camera Club were pushed into the background in the annual Color Slide Salon Wednesday night when Mrs. Catherine Jackson won the coveted Slide of the Year honor with her beautiful picture of a boy seated beside a window reading. Not only did Mrs. Jackson take top honors, but she was among four women winners who made the 11 runner-up honorable mention slides.

Mrs. Jackson, who has won numerous monthly color slide awards during the past year, scored a top of 22 points for her winning slide, the highest of the 88 submitted for consideration of the salon jury. The jury, incidentally, was of specially high caliber. Mrs. Dorothy Meigs Eidlitz, FRPS, FPSA, chairman of the PSA honors committee; James W. Kerr,

artist and photographer, of Waldwick and Martin Husing, of Allendale, associated with Ansco.

Honorable mention slides were by Mrs. Jackson (2), Mrs. Irene Muzzio, Miss Ruth McLeod, Art Casidy, Ralph King, Edgar George, Umsted Wells, Percy Hill, C. Z. Wollam and James Bolland.

Mr. Bolland introduced the judges and he and Hale Williamson were projectionists for the evening.

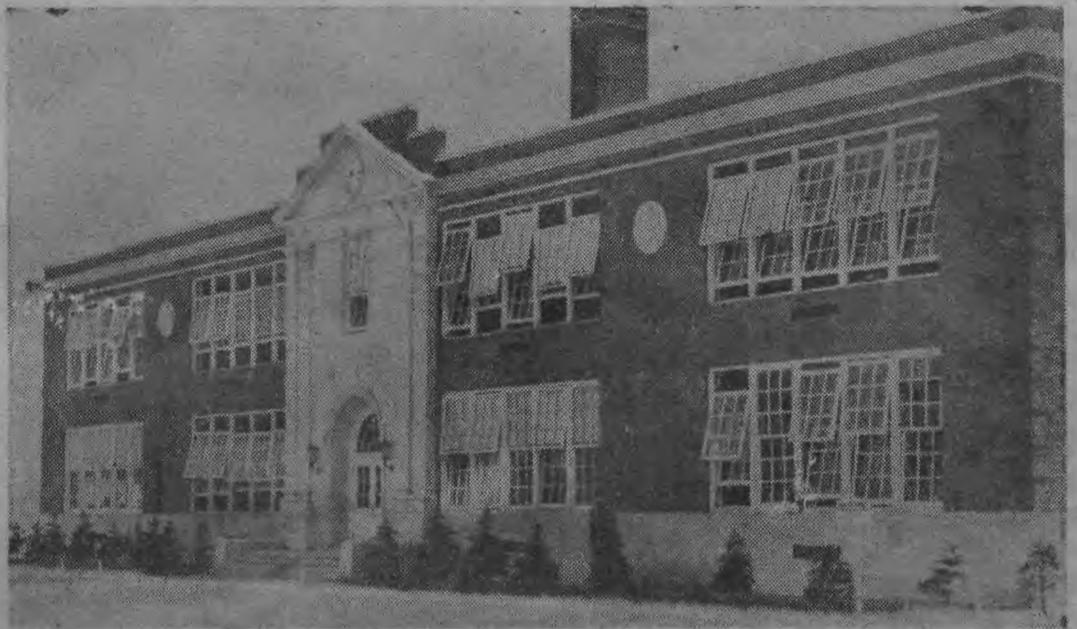
The annual Print Salon will be held Wednesday night in the Senior Lounge of the Y, when the club's Print of the Year will be selected. Judges for the evening will be Howard Green, William Plumbhoff and Matthew Romby, all of the Inwood Camera Club. The annual election of officers will also be held that night.

Reservations are still being accepted for the club's annual dinner, May 25, at the Villa Lafayette. A special program of stereo slides by Ben Spanier, of the New York Stereo Club, will feature the entertainment program. Certificates will be awarded high point winners in the club's monthly black and white and color competitions.

# Town Honors Golden-Rule Teacher



MISS JULIA TRAPHAGEN.  
Elementary schoolteacher for 50 years.



Waldwick School in New Jersey as it looks today. Miss Traphagen teaches here.



Miss Traphagen at 22, when she taught her first class in Waldwick in 1903.



Miss Traphagen taught here—Waldwick's Public School No. 2 in 1903.

## Waldwick, N. J., to Hold Dinner for 50-Year Veteran

Special to the World-Telegram and Sun.

WALDWICK, N. J. Dec. 16.—When a town prepares to honor its most beloved teacher for her 50 years of service, the townfolk find themselves reliving their history.

This Bergen County community, led by the PTA, is holding a dinner Thursday night in the school gym, a testimonial to Julia Traphagen, eighth grade teacher, vice principal and ex-PTA president, who retires this month. And the town is remembering.

Alfred Wagner, now custodian of Waldwick School, remembers moving with Miss Traphagen and her eighth grade of 1912 to the annex of the Methodist Church, where she taught them for a year while the old wooden school was being enlarged.

### School Is Getting Wings.

Mr. Wagner's daughter, Doris, 26, remembers being in the first Traphagen class to graduate from the present-day brick and stone marvel, finished just in time for the June exercises in 1940. Her sister, Edna, 18, remembers being in the kindergarten class that led the ceremonial march from the old school to the new the next fall.

Today, the new school has had one wing added, and another is in process. As in 1912, an overflow of children study in classrooms outside of school.

Doris remembers Miss Traphagen's tireless field trips to New York, "counting us all before we'd cross the street; then counting us all again on the other side." These trips continued right to this year.

Butch Wagner, brother of Doris and Edna, doesn't have to remember. He is in Miss Traphagen's class today.

Nelson Lumley, Mayor of Waldwick, was her pupil in 1921. He remembers that when Miss Traphagen taught you "you stayed taught."

gave each pupil a chocolate cream, but only after she carefully had sliced the bottom of each piece. She wasn't going to fool her kids. They knew there was pepper packed in each sweet. Then one brave soul bit into it, and smiled. No pepper.

### 'A Disciplinarian.'

They recall she was a disciplinarian. "That graceful mite could handle a yardstick when you were really bad," says Mr. Lumley. But she got most of her good conduct by dealing out horrible long division examples, "something like dividing a nine digit number into one with 32 numbers. No one wanted that."

But this spirited lady, who has taught 1224 pupils since her first class of 17, and written a recently published short history of Waldwick, doesn't see that Julia Traphagen fits into the stream of history anywhere. "They shouldn't do this," she said, referring to the banquet. "They gave Miss Jenny Osborn and me a dinner at the PTA Golden Jubilee in 1947." That was, she says, "final."

### Taught First School in 1903.

During her interview, Miss Trap-

hagen, dressed in a wine-colored dress with white polka dots, sat alert and gracious, head tipped to one side. She pointed to a copy of the history. "You know, some people are buying that. It's for the map in the middle." No sentiment in her voice, nothing pretentious, just warm and crisp.

Miss Traphagen was 22, just

Edward Pfitzner, clerk of the district since 1918, can remember with his former teacher when "only the Whites and the Hoppers and some people from Tuxedo Park commuted to New York."

There are others who can claim Miss Traphagen as part of their own personal history—ex-mayor William Ward, and his grandson now in high school; Mrs. William Schust, wife of the former police and fire chief; Miss Grace Ehrhardt, teacher at Waldwick School; and Mr. Melvin Chapman, president of the local Board of Health.

### Nothing Too Good.

"She had a way of putting it out to you so you had to understand," says Mr. Wagner. "All I learned, I learned from her."

Mrs. Roy Columbo, wife of the fire chief, only regrets her oldest son will miss being taught by Miss Traphagen. "He's in the sixth grade this year. That's Chet. Both Roy and I had Miss Traphagen. Believe me, nothing you can say about her is too good."

as interested in history, and fresh from Normal School in Trenton, when she taught her first class in 1903. She had the smallest room in the five-room wood school house.

Then it was at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Prospect St. "We sat all flat in a row to fit," she said. The salary was \$38 a month.

### Old Students Return.

This "educated, well-traveled, and utterly remarkable woman,"

as one of the young men teachers here described Miss Traphagen, saved up over the years until she was able to earn her B. S. degree at New York University (magna cum laude) in 1930, and her M. A. the next year. She's traveled in Europe, through Canada, and across the United States. She has studied at Patterson State Teacher's College, took an extension course at Temple, and studied Indian History and anthropology at Harvard.

"The few Indians who lived in this immediate vicinity," reads a

passage in Miss Traphagen's history, "had their camp site at the old ball field. . . . They would hold dances occasionally. Then Henry Hopper would be invited to attend. All the braves were expected to become intoxicated. This did not include Mr. Hopper and the Chief. As the Indians dropped it was Mr. Hopper's duty to help the chief gather them up and place them in a circle around the fire, heads out, feet in. . . ."

Do old students come back to visit? Miss Traphagen smiled. "Oh yes. One Joseph Hutton comes from California. He was in my first class, and he comes for a visit about every 10 years. Last time I saw him his hair was still red, and his nose still freckled, and he still had the same lost front tooth. That's a long time to miss a front tooth, don't you think?"

Now near 72, what will she do? Well, there are plans, but first she wants to wrap up her work on all the committees she is on. There aren't many she missed.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 16, 1952

May 31-1953

## Float Made for Waldwick Parade



THIS EFFECTIVE FLOAT prepared for the Waldwick parade by the Waldwick Business Associates, was designed by Col. Edward Cattalini of American Legion Post 57, and carried out by Harry Morgan Jr. It features a dove of peace painted by James W. Kerr. (News Photo)

### Beautiful Float Depicts 'Peace' in Waldwick Parade

Waldwick—Assembly for Waldwick Memorial Services was called at 4:15 yesterday afternoon by bugler Albert Gates, who is commander of the Erie Railroad Post 1049, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Congressman William B. Widnall was principal speaker.

Among those scheduled to take part in the proceedings were Col. Edward Cattalini, American Legion Post 57; Peter Lecowitch, parade chairman; Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Anthony Raffello, Mrs. Cornelius DeKorte, Mrs. John Cambra and Mrs. Lewis.

Others included Chief of Staff Daniel Amster of the VFW, Adjutant Raymond Vermilyea of the Legion and VFW and Mayor Nelson Lumley and the Council.

Also present were the firing squads

of the Legion Post and the VFW. The General Goethal's band from the Bergenfield American Legion Post, the VFW and the American Legion members.

Corpsmen of the Waldwick American Legion Volunteer Ambulance Corps were present as were the Fire Department members and the Auxiliary all neatly dressed in their uniforms. The Business Associates, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, in uniform, were also on hand.

#### Chorus Sings

Daniel Amster, local lawyer, served as master of ceremonies at the municipal building and the Waldwick Mixed Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner and several other selections. Invocation was by Robert Morrell. Mayor Lumley addressed the group prior to the unveiling of the new bronze plaque and the reading of the names of the War Dead of World War I and II and the Korean conflict, by Mrs. Frank Holley, VFW Auxiliary president and Mrs. Kenneth Doty, American Legion Auxiliary president. Commander Frank Abee of the Legion and Commander Gates of the VFW also spoke to the group. Benediction was by the Rev. William J. Duffy of St. Luke's R. C. Church.

### BORO EMERGENCY FUND SEEKS CONTRIBUTIONS

Announcement was made last night that Waldwick organizations and residents have been requested to donate generously for the local Emergency Fund in order to carry on its activities throughout next year.

This agency helps needy persons without regard to race, color or creed who require temporary immediate assistance.

James W. Kerr, eminent artist of world-wide fame, of Waldwick, is chairman of the fund-raising drive of this praise-worthy organization.

*James W. Kerr  
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## Check For Emergency Fund



James W. Kerr, (right) chairman of the Waldwick Emergency Fund, accepts a check for \$115 from Manuel Del Gaizo, president-elect of the Waldwick Boys' Club, at a meeting of the club in the American Legion Home last

night. The check is for the proceeds from a movie benefit show put on by the club on May 14. Left to right: Del Gaizo; Alan Eichler, outgoing president; Leonard Bloom, club advisor; John Post, winner of a prize for selling the most tickets to the show, and Kerr.

**WALDWICK**—James W. Kerr, chairman of the Waldwick Emergency Fund, attended the Boys' Club meeting in the American Legion Home last night and accepted on behalf of the trustees of the fund, a check in the amount of \$115, proceeds from a benefit motion picture show presented on May 14 by the club.

President of the club, Manuel Del Gaizo made the presentation and also awarded John Post a prize for selling the most tickets to the benefit.

The emergency fund was organized in 1949 and has since that time helped local residents out when sudden emergencies strike. The fund is supported on a voluntary basis and is controlled by a board of trustees named from the delegates appointed by the churches in the community and the civic and patriotic groups who are represented thereon.

Adult Adviser Leonard Bloom reports that members of the Boys' Club as part of their civic endeavor has acted as "mothers" when they helped in the Mothers March on Polio and they also worked on the clean-up of the borough park and assisted the American Legion in acting as hosts for the initial sessions of the "Teen-age Canteen" which Post 57 sponsor on Saturday evenings at the Legion Home for the youth of the community. The club open to all local youths of high school age meets at the Legion Home on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month. An executive board meeting will be held on June 6 to draft a program for the year.

## Mrs. Shriver Installed Miss Traphagen Honored

The last PTA meeting of the school year held Tuesday, May 17 in the school auditorium was highlighted by the installation of next year's officers. The group installation conducted by a past PTA president, Mrs. Jacob Van Paasschen, saw Mrs. Mark Shriver take the oath of office as president of the association. Mrs. Fred Schmelzer was inducted as first vice-president; Mrs. Marjorie Kleckenstein, second vice-president; Mrs. Richard Mueller, recording secretary; Mrs. T. D. Lurie, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Herbert Kirk, treasurer. In the absence of Mrs. W. R. Webster, president, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Kenneth Johnson.

Vice Principal Michael Elia, presented a 16 mm camera, this year's PTA gift to the school, to the Board of Education and the school administration.

The proposed plans for the summer recreational program were outlined by Councilman John McDowell, recreation commission. Mr. McDowell asked that anyone willing to assist in the program should please contact him. The program will begin on July 5 and it is planned to hold workshops for the volunteer workers before this time.

Dr. John Finnessey, superintendent of school, stated that any child who is five years old on or before December 31, 1955 will be eligible for kindergarten. Dr. Finnessey asked that anyone who has not received the kindergarten forms in the mail, please contact his office and request that they

be sent to them. The Kindergarten Round-Up will commence May 25. On this day, Parents A up to K are requested to bring the completed forms to the school between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.; May 26; K up to P; May 27, P up to and including Z. Parents must bring proof of age. This can be in the form of the birth certificate or baptismal papers. Dr. Finnessey said that he had no definite word as yet on the vaccine program but that if anyone wishes to withdraw their child, the school must be contacted otherwise the child will be inoculated.

A film "A Year in School with Your Child" was presented by Vice Principal Michael Elia. The film, compiled by Mr. Elia, showed several special events as well as everyday classroom activity.

Miss Julia Traphagen, former teacher at the Waldwick school was presented a life membership in the PTA. A portrait of Miss Traphagen painted by Mr. James Kerr was presented to the Board of Education through the auspices of the PTA. The portrait is to be hung in the Julia Traphagen school, soon to be under construction.

High praise for the Waldwick dental program was given by Dr. D. M. Sencer, dentist of Allendale. Dr. Sencer spoke of the importance of starting a child at the dentist at the age of three. "Brushing of teeth must also begin at an early age, preferable between 15-18 months," he said. Dr. Sencer also stressed the importance of diet. He concluded by saying that the best possible help to the teeth would be fluoridation of the water system.

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## Irene Muzzio Wins Color Slide Contest

A large crowd of color enthusiasts participated in the annual selection of Color Slide of the Year at the regular meeting of the Ridgewood Camera Club at the Y recently.

More than 130 slides were submitted for the judging, which was handled by three color experts: Paul Wolf, well known in camera club circles; Harvey Wobbe, author and instructor, and Martin Husing, with the Ansco Co.

"Color Slide of the Year" was awarded to Mrs. Irene Muzzio for her color slide entitled Birches—a photo of a group of white birch trees framing a mountain scene.

Honors were awarded to Mrs. Catherine Jackson (Ice Storm at Sunset), Mrs. Irene Johnstone (Tree Root and Autumn Splendor), George Muzzio (Autumn Pastorale, A Cold Morning and Frost Pattern), Tom Scacco (Lobster Fisherman), Guy Rothgeb (New Born Chick), Robert Bowman (Thread and Lady), A. J. Price (Sturbridge), Ralph King (Reflection) and Mrs. C. Hiscock (Monterey Bay).

Wednesday night was the big night for the black-and-white fans and 64 prints were entered. Judging was done by Hans Kaden, one of the east's outstanding exhibitors and instructors, William Bowman, a photographic expert, and artist James W. Kerr. These judges had a difficult task but made an excellent selection.

"Print of the Year" was Snowbound, made by Leonard Ochtman, and showed a frozen scene framed by an icy leaning tree.

Honors were given to Robert Bowman (Outlook, One Up, Big Baskets and Man of All Nations), Vincent Vesce (White's Move), Everett Clark (Paramus Reformed Church and Miss Adorable), Arthur Cassidy (No Title) and Guy Rothgeb (Night Before Christmas).

Prior to the judging, the annual election of officers for the coming

year took place. Those elected were George Muzzio, president; Mrs. Lillian Johnstone, vice president; Robert Bowman, secretary and Edwin were elected by unanimous ballot.

Mr. Muzzio, the new president, is a two-star exhibitor, and has contributed much to the club. Mrs. Johnstone has been an ardent club supporter and has given much of her time and talent to the club.

Announcement was made that the annual dinner would be held at the Villa Lafayette in Spring Valley Wednesday. At that time official installation of incoming officers will take place. Two color movies will also be shown.

# Open House Set at Traphagen School

## Guide Plans To Be Given To Visitors

WALDWICK — Parents will be welcomed to an open house at the Julia A. Traphagen School next Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. by the Board of Education and the Parent-Teachers Association. First classes at the school were held last Monday.

Souvenirs in the form of guide plans to the \$485,000 building will be distributed by the open house committee headed by Mrs. Diane Augello for the Board of Education and Mrs. Babette Brown for the PTA.

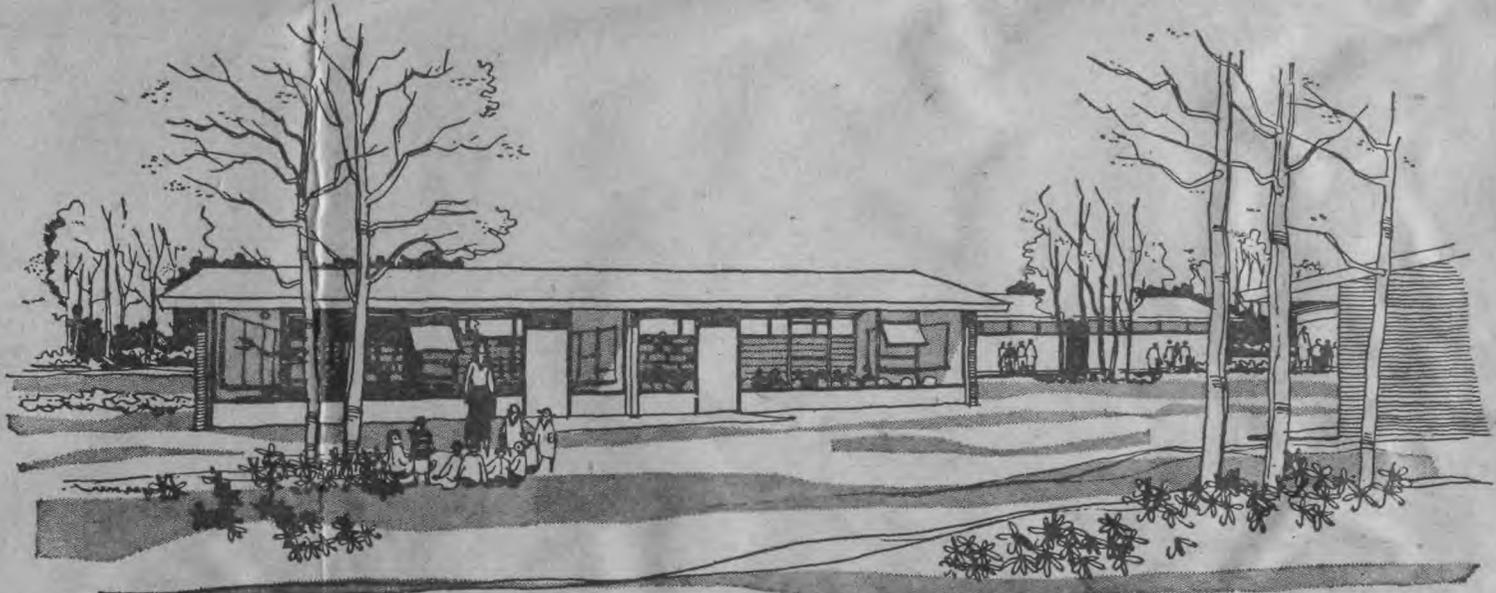
To help guide parents through various sectors of the school on Summit Avenue and Ridge Road, Michael Elia, principal, is arranging a fourth grade patrol force. Invitations are being forwarded to residents and to interested educational personnel in surrounding communities. Mayor Anthony V. Scafuro and the Borough Council are expected to attend.

Teachers and members of the school staff will be on hand for explanation of plant and educational policies in the school, as well as class mothers who will serve as hostesses in each room. Class mothers who will be assisting are Mrs. Wilfred Carr, Mrs. Paul Eberhardt, Mrs. John Wilcox, Mrs. F. W. Henderson, Mrs. A. E. Knox, Mrs. W. R. Kaiser, Mrs. W. J. Hood, Mrs. J. W. Ferrari, Mrs. S. E. Strickland, Mrs. L. Colaianni, Mrs. E. Hilderbrandt and Mrs. B. Hindle.

### New Portrait

A special event in the afternoon's program will be the hanging of a new portrait of Miss Julia A. Traphagen, teacher extraordinary, painted by James Kerr, nationally known artist who lives at 117 Dora Ave.

Mr. Kerr, currently serving as a director of the New Jersey Chapter of Artists Equity and the Allied Artists



AN ARTIST'S SKETCH OF THE JULIA A. TRAPHAGEN school shows to good advantage the first "cluster type" elementary school in New Jersey. Open house ceremonies for the school at Summit Avenue and Ridge Road are set for next Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. The school was designed by the architectural firm of Ketchum, Gina and Sharpe, New York City.

of America, has won numerous awards in his painting career. Awards include the Harris Award at the Jersey City Museum and the Friedrich Award for Excellence from the American Veterans Society of Artists. Mr. Kerr said that the portrait of Miss Traphagen "was done with a real sense of personal admiration."

Miss Traphagen is serving as librarian for the Waldwick school and was a social studies teacher and vice principal of schools. She has received national acclaim on radio, television and in newspapers for her devotion to her profession. She has given almost 50 years of her life to the educational field.

Refreshments at the open house will be served in the "all-purpose" room of

the school by a committee headed by Mrs. Elaine Simmons. Other rooms to be visited during the guided tours are the two self-contained classrooms and the two kindergartens with their indoor and outdoor space for kindergarten activities.

The school plans shows 16 rooms in small buildings clustered about a campus which features two large play areas. Space is available for the addition of six rooms which are now in the planning stage by the Board and architect, and will probably be ready by September of this year.

The school is the product of eight months' study and work, and according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. John J. Finnessy, the plan is considered by the Department of Education in Trenton to be one of the more economically built schools in the state.

East and west windows in the school, designed by the New York architectural firm of Ketchum Gina and Sharpe, provide natural light and air. High silled windows give privacy and noise protection along the corked walkway.

The total effect of a court per classroom is a key feature of the new type school and permanent gas heat is used in combination with room ventilating units to provide comfortable and efficient conditions at a low operating cost for the entire school. Covered walkways connect the buildings to protect the children from rain and snow.



(Ridgewood News Photo of a portrait done by James Kerr)  
THE PORTRAIT OF MISS JULIA A. TRAPHAGEN painted by artist James Kerr will be hung in the school named in her honor at the open house ceremonies planned for next Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. Miss Traphagen has been active in the educational field for almost 50 years and has received television, radio and newspaper acclaim for devotion to her profession.

# Bergen Evening Record

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1958

## OIL PAINTING HONORS FORMER BOROUGH OFFICIAL



Midland Park's Borough Clerk for 34 years, the late Abram L. Yonkers, was memorialized during the Borough Council meeting last night when an oil painting done by James Kerr of Waldwick was unveiled. Left to right are Freeholder Peter W. Passaro, former Mayor; Mayor

Garrett W. Hagedorn; Mrs. Yonkers, widow of the deceased clerk; Kerr; and the late clerk's daughter, Mrs. Elwood W. Many of Ramsey, whose children Cynthia and Richard also appear.

## Portrait Unveiled By Widow At Memorial Rite To Yonkers

### Tributes For Former Borough Clerk Heard From Mayor, Freeholder

Midland Park — An oil painting of the late Abram L. Yonkers, Borough Clerk for 34 years, was unveiled by his widow Mrs. Irma Terhune Yonkers at a ceremony last night at the Municipal Building. A large number of the family and friends of the late clerk attended.

#### MAYOR PRESIDES

Mayor Garrett W. Hagedorn, in opening the ceremony, said that he was glad to preside at this memorial service for a distinguished citizen. He said that while the clerk is now gone he is still being remembered. He said he was a member of the Yonkers family which has been a landmark in this area for a great number of years.

Freeholder Peter W. Passaro said it was a privilege to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Yonkers, adding that he has earned the right to be remembered, having served as clerk

from 1919 until his death in February 1953.

Passaro recalled when he took office as Mayor, Jan. 1, 1952 by reading from a newspaper clipping his address at the time. He said he was a modest man, wished no praise or thanks and said, "I leaned heavily on Abe during my term as Mayor, and as a Councilman before that, and he never failed me or any others who were privileged to work with him."

James W. Kerr of Waldwick, who did the oil painting, said he had never met Yonkers, but learned to know him by examining snapshots and in talks with

his family. He had realized the place that he had made for himself in Midland Park. He congratulated the Mayor and Council and residents of the Borough for having perpetuated his memory.

Mrs. Yonkers then unveiled the painting after which Mayor Hagedorn said he was happy to accept it. He then congratulated Kerr for his work.

Speaking to the youth present for a Junior council program, the Mayor said Yonkers's service was an example to follow.

Borough Attorney John Hamersma Jr. closed the ceremony with prayer.

# Mayor Reilly Replies To Critics Of Administration

Mayor John J. Reilly has issued a statement replying to a story which appeared in another newspaper, which follows:

In your issue of September 14th, there appeared an article headed, "Waldwick Independents Out to Defeat Reilly" and in the body of the article there were many inaccuracies which in the interest of fair play and honesty, should be corrected.

The second paragraph in particular is not only misleading, but absolutely untrue, as anybody who cares to "check the records" in the Official Minute Book of the Borough Council, can very well discover for themselves. This paragraph reads as follows:

"Ward has been on the board for seven years and has been an opponent of Mayor Reilly on matters of economy, particularly in the issue over Charles F. Black, former borough attorney."

When I read this I could not help having a thrill of sympathy for this poor misguided individual, in his efforts to get an issue on which to pin his hat. The issue of Charles F. Black has been dragged before the voters of Waldwick at every election during the past ten years, and one would think that Black, being out of the picture now, that the issue would be dead.

The paragraph itself is not only misleading but absolutely untrue. I defy Ward or any of his supporters to point to a single economic policy in the administration of borough affairs, which he ever advocated, to which I was opposed. I also defy him to point to a single economic policy in borough affairs, which I ever advocated and which he opposed. While his suggestions for improvements in borough government were few and far between, they always received the support of the present administration, so to say that Ward has been my opponent on matters of economy is a most outrageous falsehood.

Of course the inference in this paragraph is that Ward was for economies and that I advocated all extravagant expenditures. Those who sat in at the Conferences when the Local Budget was being prepared every year since Ward has been Chairman of the Utility Department, knows very well that I have consistently opposed the granting of the appropriation which Ward sought to secure for the operations of his department, not with any desire to handicap the Department but rather with the hope of conserving the Taxpayers' money and prevent expenditures that were not absolutely necessary.

In the matter of Charles F. Black, the inferences left in this paragraph that Ward and I differed on the appointment of Mr. Black for borough attorney, the record will indicate that on every occasion that Mr. Black's name was submitted to the Council for confirmation, with the possible exception of 1941, that Ward voted in the affirmative.

took a contrary position and he has maintained this contrary position to the present day. Possibly I should not dignify him with the mention of his name, but voters should know the truth. There would be no "Independent Voters League" or so-called "Independent Candidates" in the field, if Pick were on the payroll at \$50.00 per month, plus "EXTRAS." If Mr. Ward would care to have Mr. Pick's record as Chief of the Police Department, and what it cost the taxpayers of this Borough, compared with the present administration of the Police Department placed before the taxpayers of the Borough, it will suit me to a "T."

To further emphasize the deception which is being attempted in the Borough, it might be well to remind the voters that Ward has always attempted to profess loyalty to the Democratic Party. He has always run for office as a candidate of that party. He has always subscribed to its platform and he has always supported its theories for "Better Government" in this town and if he is possessed of any degree of independence from party affiliation, it certainly is due to the inoculations which he has recently received in Summit avenue.

In the matter of Mr. Kerr, he is at present a member of my administration and it seems to me that if he possessed a single iota of manly spirit, he would resign all connections with my administration and relinquish the appointments which he has received from me, before joining in an attack on the administration of which he, himself, is a part.

As far as the candidacy of Mr. Hopkins is concerned, he moved out of this town many, many years ago and only recently returned and I have been told by very reliable informants, that many years ago he informed them that he was ashamed of Waldwick and would not live here, so apparently since the inauguration of my administration, we have removed the reason for his shame, since he has again decided to come and live in our borough.

I have a very vivid recollection of a visit which Mr. Hopkins paid to my home not so many years ago, in which he begged me to use my influence to secure for him a position on the W. P. A.

As far as Mr. Spies is concerned, I do not have the honor of an acquaintanceship with the gentleman, but I am, however, informed that he has always been a paid-up member of the Republican Club, and has always pleaded with the membership thereof, to "pay their dues and build up their organization." This does not savor very much in Independence in politics.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) J. J. REILLY.

## Turned Attention

### Defeat of Reilly Looms As Issue

Waldwick is one municipality in which the political campaign will not be over until the polls close on election night. The three-cornered fight that as developed is just now getting into full swing and after this week the discussion of the issues will wax hot. If it stops short of personal acriminations it will be somewhat of a miracle.

The really untested and unknown quantity is the new organization—Waldwick's League of Independent Voters—which is sponsoring two Democratic and two Republican candidates. The group of representative citizens has adopted a slogan of "A better municipal government" and next Wednesday evening, at the meet-

### Waldwick's Battle Attracts Attention

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ing to be held in Maratene Hall, will issue the platform setting forth the aims and purposes.

William Ward, present councilman, the league's candidate for Mayor, is a Democrat, as is James W. Kerr, running for a three-year term, while Henry A. Spies, is running for a three-year term on the Council and Edward F. (Ned) Hopkins is seeking the one-year unexpired term on the board. Ward has been a member of the board some eight or nine years, he has lived in the borough all his life and expects to win.

**Republican Club to Meet**  
Then there is the Republican Club, which, though a meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening of this week, at Maratene's Hall, will really not get its campaign under way before the following week. This group is sponsoring Charles E. Opdyke who, ever since being on the board has been the consistent and persistent foe of Mayor John J. Reilly. Running on the same ticket with Opdyke is Charles Jackson, who has just concluded his one-year term and is now seeking a three-year term; Horace Stevenson, for a three-year term, and Jack Virga, running for the one-year unexpired term.

Naturally both of the above organizations intend to bring about the defeat of Mayor J. J. Reilly, who has been in office for four terms. The Mayor is a vituperous campaigner and has already issued a broadside, but political prognosticators believe this merely shows him to have become anxious over the outcome and take it as a sign of uncertainty such as he has never exhibited heretofore. Many believe there is a change in the wind and that Reilly this time will be defeated roundly.

On the ticket with Reilly is Matthew Feeley, former Recorder who also served a short period on the Council; Councilman John J. Carlin, also a former Recorder, and Henry Van Hull who likewise has been a member of the board.

Reilly is deprived of the support of the two Democrats running on the Independents' ticket. The Independents have in mind only to conduct a campaign on local issues, one main issue being the unseating of Reilly. They are depending on Ward to pull through the ticket and regard Reilly as practically defeated at the present time.

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### Primary Ballots Feature Contests Among Democrats

There will be considerable interest today in the Primary Election, in the Democratic ranks, where there are contests in the County Committee Posts in both districts.

The Democratic Club has endorsed as its candidates, in District No. 1, Harold V. Doyle and Miss Anne Cuneo, the latter who is seeking re-election; and in District No. 2, Joseph Agugliaro and Miss Helen Cofrancisco. Independent Democratic candidates for the county committee are in District No. 1, Arthur Vernon and Mrs. Adeline Alberts; in District No. 2, William Janson and Mrs. Vera Algozzinni.

The Democratic Club also has endorsed the candidacy of Mayor John J. Reilly for re-election as mayor; and for the councilmanic positions for three years, Councilman John J. Carlin and former Councilman Matthew J. Feeley; for the one year unexpired term of S. Frank Rafferty, they are seeking to nominate former councilman Henry Van Hull as a "write-in" candidate. Myles Maratene is endorsed for re-election as collector.

The Democratic Club campaign committee has requested all Democrats to be sure and vote today, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 9 p. m. Daylight Saving Time, District No. 1, in the municipal building and District No. 2, in the Marconi Hall on Zazzetti street. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout to show the sentiments of the rank and file of the Democratic party.

The Waldwick Republicans face no opposition today, as their candidates are all unopposed. Councilman Charles E. Opdyke is the candidate for mayor; and Councilman Charles Jackson and Horace Stevenson, seek the nomination for councilmen for three years; while John Virga, is seeking the nomination for the one year unexpired term of S. Frank Rafferty. Candidates for the county committee are: District No. 1, Mrs. Grace Kneale Mott and Arthur E. Alder; District No. 2, Mrs. Elsie Smith and William Huffman, all of whom seek re-election. Both clubs will have opposition in the coming General Election in November due to the filing last Thursday night of petitions by the League of Independent Voters. Their candidates will be: for mayor, Councilman William E. Ward; for councilman for three years, James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies; for councilman for the one year unexpired term of S. Frank Rafferty, Edward W. Hopkins. They are also endorsing Myles Maratene for borough col-

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# Ward to Make Run On Long Record

## Heads Independent Waldwick Ticket

The borough of Waldwick is going to witness one of the liveliest political contests in its history for the coming election. One reason is that an aggressive ticket has been drafted by the



WILLIAM E WARD

League of Independent Voters, comprised of an equal number of Democratic and Republican candidates. This newly formed organization is comprised of persons who have withdrawn from regular party affiliations in order to give the borough an en-

tirely new regime and devote themselves to purely local problems.

William E. Ward, who has served on the Council for two complete terms and is now in the first year of his third term, is the League's candidate for Mayor. Although always an avowed Democrat Mr. Ward says he believes the public comes before party affiliations and that he could render the best of service within his power by uniting with the Independents, instead of being bound by the regular adherents. He is making the race on his record and with the desire to render more service to the borough.

Few men are more familiar with the borough affairs than is Mr. Ward. He was born on the borderline of Waldwick, in Saddle River, has been in the employ of the Erie railroad for thirty-six years and is at present a conductor on the main line. He is a property owner and taxpayer, has a daughter attending the school, one son attending college and another son who is a druggist, which naturally keeps his interests in Waldwick intense.

On the Council he is serving on the utilities committee, the purchasing committee, shade tree and other committees. He is the president of the Council and has presided over many meetings so that the duties devolving upon a chief executive are familiar to him.

Mr. Ward said he went into this arrangement of organizing an Independent League at the request of friends who are anxious to see a change for the better in the administration and he feels that if elected, with the others on the Independent ticket, this will be possible.

On the ticket with Mr. Ward is James W. Kerr, artist, who is running

for a three-year term: Henry A. Spies, for a three-year term and Edward F. (Ned) Hopkins seeking a one-year term.

# Charges By Independents At League Session

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Ward, Hopkins, Kerr and Alberts Reply to Charges—  
Kerr Tells of Experience

On Wednesday evening, at the meeting of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters in the Maratene building, Justin Boylan presided in the absence of James J. McGovern, the president. He held an informal discussion, and during it, many new members were accepted.

Councilman William E. Ward, who is seeking the Mayoralty position on the Independent ticket, made pointed comments on a statement issued by Mayor John J. Reilly during a Democratic Club meeting on Tuesday evening. He particularly stressed the part of the speech which said, "that he (Ward) had acted as a rubber stamp."

Edward Hopkins, who is seeking the one year unexpired term as councilman, explained his plans for extensive investigation into the tax situation as it exists today in Waldwick. This was prompted by Mayor Reilly's reference to the tax situation in his speech.

James W. Kerr, who is seeking election as a councilman for three years, spoke of his experience on the various committees on which he is serving.

Herbert D. Albert presented documentary proof of his service with the A. E. F. and his present membership in the New Jersey State Guard, refuting Mayor Reilly's statement, that he had documentary proof that there was no service record for Herbert D. Albert in the War Department. He also presented honorary citation from the French government and the Victory Medal of New York State.

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# WARD, BACKERS ANSWER REILLY

## Waldwick Mayor's Claims Denied At Session

Candidates and members of the newly-formed Waldwick League of Independent Voters met last night at Maratene Hall and issued replies to Mayor John J. Reilly, Democratic candidate for re-election who spoke Tuesday at a Democratic Club session.

Councilman William E. Ward, Reilly's opponent for Mayor, Council candidates James W. Kerr and Edward Hopkins, and Herbert D. Albert, supporter and member of the League, all spoke.

Reilly had accused Ward of taking dictation in 1939 from George Christman Jr. who, he said, attended all Council meetings and indicated his desires with a nod of the head. Denying the accusation, Ward said, "Perhaps I would stand a lot higher with Mayor Reilly had he been able to make me his own rub-

ber stamp. When he found that he couldn't, I was often excluded from caucus meetings where discussions were held and deliberations arrived at without any consultation with me."

Christman, who said nothing during the meeting, later said "I've never heard anything so fantastic or so untrue. That accusation is just typical of the Reilly tactics."

Albert, whose claim to military service in the World War was questioned by Reilly, displayed his discharge papers from the A. E. F., two honorary citations from the French Government, a citation from Calvin D. Van Name, then President of the Borough of Richmond for being one of the first 100 volunteer enlisted men in the World War from that Borough in New York City, and his serial number from the U. S. Army. His record showed that he served in France with the 264th Aero Squadron.

Accused of failure to pay a proportionate share toward the cost of Borough government and education because of low assessments, Hopkins said:

"I am preparing a complete reply to this argument, and I am also conducting an extensive investigation of the tax situation in Waldwick, an investigation which should also produce some interesting facts."

The Reilly attack on Kerr was centered on the handling of a case in which Mrs. Benjamin Meade, bitten by a rabid dog was required by Kerr, as president of the Board of Health, to go to Bergen Pines for treatment against her wishes.

"The case came to the Board's knowledge fully 4 days after the

woman had been bitten and the conditions could very well have been dangerous. I felt I was acting in the woman's best interests. The Board of Health has completely endorsed those actions and has referred the matter back to the Borough attorney for his legal opinion," Kerr said.

## League, Reilly Launch Attacks Political Fireworks Flare at Waldwick

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Politics in Waldwick has taken a lively turn this week, with the return of Mayor J. J. Reilly from a western trip. He promptly attacked his critics in a speech before the Democratic Club at a meeting held at the Municipal Building last Tuesday evening.

At the same time a Dinty Moore supper was planned, to be held at Stasney's grill on October 16.

In his talk, Reilly expressed his preference for Charles E. Opdyke, Republican councilman who is running against him for Mayor, as against the ticket put into the field by the Waldwick League of Independent Voters on which William E. Ward, also a councilman is the candidate for Mayor.

The Mayor's remarks were answered last evening at a meeting of the Independent's League, held in Maratene Hall at which Justine Boylan acted as chairman in the absence of James McGovern. Many new members were present at the meeting. Councilman Ward made some pointed replies to

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Mayor Reilly's attacks. "Ned" Hopkins, candidate for councilman, ex-

plained his plans to carry on an investigation.

James Kerr, who is gaining friends and voters daily, according to reliable reports, and Herbert Albert also spoke. Kerr told of his experiences in the various committees on which he has served and Albert refuted Reilly's accusation that he could not prove his service in the A. E. F., and his present membership in the N. J. State Guard.

Another meeting of the League will be held next Tuesday evening.

### Waldwick

James W. Kerr of Dora Avenue was guest speaker yesterday at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Spring Valley Rotary Club in Spring Valley, N. Y.

# Reilly Gets Albert Letter, Republicans Attack League

## Waldwick Campaign Is Waxing Warmer

The battle of the ballots in Waldwick increases in intensity daily, with recriminations and replies hurled "hither and yon" as never before in a local campaign.

First of all Mayor John J. Reilly's leadership was questioned by Herbert Albert and he in turn attacked the army record of Albert, one of the workers of Waldwick's Independent League of Voters which is opposing the Reilly ticket.

Then, too, Horace Stevenson, Republican candidate for Councilman, has issued a broadside that would seem to be aimed both at the followers of the League and the present Democratic administration.

### Albert to Furnish Proof

Mr. Albert has gone to great lengths to prove beyond a doubt that he has an honorable discharge from the army and within a few days will produce a copy of the entries concerning him taken from the records of the War Department in Washington.

Congressman J. Parnell Thomas has interested himself in the case and has written to Major General E. S. Adams, the Adjutant General, at Washington, asking him to furnish the information to Albert. Mr. Albert says he is not any more desirous of vindicating himself than he is to vindicate other veterans who have been similarly attacked for political reasons.

In the meantime Mr. Alberts has written the following letter to Mayor Reilly:

"Mr. J. J. Reilly:

"Sir,

"I am sorry that you undertook to look up my Army service without my being able to facilitate the procedure for you.

"The facts of my military service, as taken from my Honorable Discharge are that I ENLISTED at Camp Dix, Dec. 10, 1917, and was discharged at Camp Mills, Garden City, N. Y. March 17, 1919. My serial number is 287688. Character excellent. My outfit at home was the 312th Infantry, Co. D, at Camp Dix and I went overseas and came back home with the 264th Aero (Pursuit) Squadron.

"I have written the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army at Washington asking for full particulars concerning your subversive interest into affairs not concerning yourself and also asking an investigation as to why you are permitted to use misinformation in the press, defamatory to myself as an ex-service man.

"It is common knowledge that it is impossible to become a member of an ex-serviceman's organization without being thoroughly investigated.

"In my published letter I did not say that you were not an American citizen, I asked a question. Were you?

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### Stevenson's Letter

Following is Mr. Stevenson's letter expressing his opinion of the League of Independent Voters:

"Editor, The Sunday News;

"I read with interest, the article on James W. Kerr appearing in the October 12 issue of The Sunday News.

"There certainly can be no argument as to Mr. Kerr's ability as a commercial artist, but I fail to see how this ability is considered of such unusual calibre in so far as his candidacy for councilman is concerned. Certainly this qualification would be of little value in the administration of the borough affairs.

"In so far as Mr. Kerr's activity on committees is concerned, it should be remembered that he was appointed to many committees by Mr. Reilly, the present Mayor.

"Certainly the residents of Waldwick, being familiar with the policies and practices of the present administration, should not be considered to be so naive as to believe that Mr. Kerr would have been appointed to so many committees had he not been an ardent supporter of Mr. Reilly's Administration.

"It would be most interesting to know specifically just where the Independent Voters League professes to differ with the policies of the present

administration, and therefore why it is in existence at all.

"Mr. Kerr, on the basis of his committee appointments, has apparently been an ardent supporter of Mr. Reilly's administration and it must be assumed therefore that he has been in full accord with the policies of that administration. Under the circumstances it may be presumed that he would advocate similar policies for any administration of which he was a member.

"I fully believe that the residents of Waldwick are tired of the Reilly administration and desire a definite change.

"It is obvious in considering the candidates nominated that the Independent Voters League offers no change, but merely a different personnel.

"The chief objective of the League, which is said to be the defeat of Mr. Reilly, becomes therefore nothing more nor less than a complete farce, and the only means by which the voters of Waldwick can achieve their desire of a changed and better administration is by electing the complete Republican ticket.

"HORACE STEVENSON

"Republican Candidate for  
"Councilman."

# Three-Corner Enlivens Wald

## Independents Are Unknown Quantity

Voters of Waldwick will go to the polls next Tuesday and participate in probably the hardest fought political battle the borough has had since its beginning. Three distinct complete slates have been entered—Democratic, Republican and Independent—and all have been carrying on aggressive campaigns with the fight likely to keep up until the polls close.

Mayor J. J. Reilly, who has served the borough several terms, heads the Democratic ticket and is trying for re-election. Three are in the race for Councilman, these being John Carlin and Matthew Feeley for three-year terms together with Harry Van Hull, running for the short term.

On the Republican ticket is Councilman Charles E. Opdyke, candidate for Mayor, Councilman Charles H. Jackson candidate for re-election to the Council, Horace Stevenson and John Virga.

### League Big Factor

Probably the most aggressive fight of all has been put up by Waldwick's Independent League of Voters on which Councilman William E. Ward is the candidate for Mayor. He is a Democrat and is a good vote-getter. Running with him, for Councilman, are James W. Kerr, Democrat, Frederick Spies, Republican, and Theodore "Ned" Hopkins, Republican. This group has also endorsed Tax Collector Maratene for re-election.

Regular weekly meetings have been held by all the groups and a few surprise moves are said to be in the offing. Next Monday evening the Independent League will conduct a rally at the school building. It is said the Democrats are planning to get out a last minute appeal in the form of a paper or circular.

A vigorous and thorough campaign is being waged by the Independents, and they may upset the apple-cart, while the Republicans have also been active.

Reilly will try to get the solid Democratic vote but undoubtedly a considerable number of the votes that would naturally flow to him and his group will go to the Democrats on the Independent ticket—Messrs. Ward and Kerr. However, there is no telling as yet whether the Republicans and Independents will be able to pile up a sufficient number of votes to defeat the candidates on the regular Democratic ticket.

The Independents declare they are interested mainly in the local situation and have set themselves apart in order to devote their attention to just that, leaving the members free to choose whom they wish to support on the county ticket.

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## WALDWICK

### Independent Voters' Candidates



**WILLIAM E. WARD**  
For Mayor



**JAMES W. KERR**  
For Council



**HENRY A. SPIES**  
For Council



**EDWARD F. HOPKINS**  
For Council

At a meeting of the League of Independent Voters on Wednesday evening their platform was adopted as follows: 1. Full value for every dollar of your tax dollar; 2. take the police department out of politics; 3. place the recorder on a salary basis, and pay the cost of court to the borough; 4. no absentee councilmen; 5. eliminate the high cost of the borough's legal service and 6. make Waldwick a community of which to be proud.

Their candidates are Councilman William E. Ward for mayor; James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies for councilmen for three years; Edward F. Hopkins for councilman for one year. They are also endorsing the candidacy of Collector Myles Maratene, who is seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket. They are for better municipal government and understand the problems facing the people of Waldwick and are definitely interested in the welfare of the borough.

Mr. Ward has been a councilman for the past seven years; serving part of that time as president of the council; and is a life long resident of the borough. Mr. Kerr is a well known artist who combines business ability with new liberal ideas. He is a World War veteran and past commander of the Walter Nightengale Post, American Legion; president of the Board of Health, former member of the zoning board, chairman of the defense council and president of the former Property Owners' Association.

Mr. Spies is an insurance engineer, and is president of the Men's Community Club; he is chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hopkins is a real estate broker and was born in Waldwick and attended the public school here. Through his years of experience, in handling real estate, he understands the borough's problems, especially, those of property and taxes.

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### Hopkins Candidate For Independents

#### For Short-Term Man In Waldwick Race

While the three-cornered fight is brewing in the Waldwick election campaign, Edward F. Hopkins is gaining considerable strength as a candidate for Councilman, for the short



**EDWARD F. HOPKINS**

term. He is a real estate broker and was born in Waldwick, his family being among the early settlers of that community. He is thoroughly familiar with property values and understands taxation. His slogan is to see that full value is given for every penny of taxes paid.

Mr. Hopkins is known to every businessman and will be heard at the rally which is to be held by the Waldwick Independent League of Voters.

On the ticket with Hopkins is William E. Ward for Mayor, James W. Kerr and Henry Spies for Councilman for three years each.

### Waldwick's League of Independent Voters

invites you, your family and friends  
to attend a Rally  
on Monday evening, November 3, 1941  
at 8:30 o'clock  
at the Waldwick Public School  
to hear our Candidates discuss the issues  
Come and Hear Them.

#### INDEPENDENTS MEET

Meeting of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters is scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight at Maratene Hall. Discussion of the problem of the silent vote is committed to either major political party will feature the meeting. Addresses will be made by Councilman William E. Ward, candidate for Mayor, and by Henry A. Spies, James W. Kerr and Edward Hopkins. Borough Council candidates.

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## Young Man In Waldwick Race

### Henry A. Spies is Council Candidate

By entering Henry A. Spies in the race for Councilman, Waldwick's League for Independent Voters is literally injecting younger blood into the political arena of that town. He is



HENRY A. SPIES

running for a three-year term and is waging an aggressive campaign.

Spies is a Republican, an able speaker and thorough business man. He is the president of the Men's Community Club and was the prime mover in the establishment of the Public Library which now has some 2,000 books on its shelves. He is now chairman of the Library Trustees.

In the business world Mr. Spies is an insurance engineer and known for his ability as a clear thinker and his qualifications for grasping municipal problems. He is married, his wife being the former Julia Mae Howe for many years a resident of the borough. He is not a party politician and does not believe in candidates being picked by dictators. Also that businessmen should administer the municipal affairs and not vote seekers.

On the ticket with Mr. Spies is James W. Kerr and Edward F. Hopkins for Councilman, and William E. Ward for Mayor. Their platform sets forth that they wish to make Waldwick a community of which to be proud, to eliminate the high cost of the borough's legal advice, to place the Recorder on a salary basis, to have no "absentee councilmen" and to give full value for every tax dollar.

## Independents At Waldwick Release 6-Point Platform

### Indicate Attack May Be Centered Upon Recorder In Forthcoming Statement

Announcement of a six-point program outlining the issues in the coming election as defined by the organization has been made by the Waldwick League of Independent Voters which will battle Democratic and Republican tickets in a three-cornered fight at the November 4 polls.

#### TICKET IS PLEDGED

James J. McGovern, president of the League, said yesterday that the entire Independent ticket is pledged to these major issues. The ticket includes Councilman William E. Ward for Mayor, Henry A. Spies and James W. Kerr for the 3-year Borough Council terms, and Edward F. Hopkins for the 1-year unexpired term on the Borough Council.

The League has also endorsed Myles Maratene for re-election as Tax Collector. Maratene, a Democrat, has the endorsement of his own party and both the Republicans and Independents. He is unopposed.

The platform on which the Independents are campaigning includes the following six points:

- 1.—Full value for every penny of your tax dollar.
- 2.—Take the Police Department out of politics.
- 3.—Place the Recorder on a salary basis, and pay the cost of court to the Borough.
- 4.—No absentee Councilmen.
- 5.—Eliminate the high cost of the Borough's legal services.
- 6.—Make Waldwick a community of which to be proud.

Officials of the organization placed particular stress on the points referring to the Police Department and Recorder, which, they claim, created a condition during the past summer which led to articles even in the New York daily press regarding alleged traffic trap conditions in the Borough.

The League's officers and candidates declined to comment in any further detail yesterday regarding the platform, but indicated that the organization is in the process of collecting considerable material in connection with several points in the platform and will shortly issue a statement covering the matter thoroughly.

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## League Active At Waldwick

### Necessity of Getting Out Vote Stressed

Another interesting meeting of Waldwick's League of Independent Voters, was held last evening in Maratene Hall, and the candidates for office were all on hand to address the gathering of ardent workers.

James J. McGovern presided and called on William Ward, the Councilman who is running for Mayor of the borough, who outlined his aims. Mr. Ward explained again that the league was formed by persons from both parties who had stepped aside from their usual affiliations for the purpose of overthrowing the present regime and putting an entirely independent group into office.

James Kerr, candidate for Councilman, stressed the necessity of voting. Edward F. (Ned) Hopkins, urged a close house to house canvas. Harry A. Spies stressed the point that there is nothing which the present administration can offer that the Independents, when they are in, can not offer also. He stated that much is being made of surplus commodities by the present administration and Spies held that these could be procured by the league just as well as by the followers of Mayor J. J. Relly.

It is expected that the platform will be ready for dissemination next week. Justin Boylan was elected vice president of the League.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday at the same place. All members are urged not to forget the last registration day, which is next Tuesday.

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## League Plans To Hear Kerr

James Wilfrid Kerr of Waldwick, nationally recognized artist, will be the speaker at the opening meeting for the season of the Unitarian Laymen's League Thursday in the Unitarian Church, Cottage Place, Ridgewood.

Mr. Kerr, who is affiliated with the Ridgewood church, has announced as his general subject: "The differences that exist between the modern artist and the conservative artist and the part that each plays in this culture."

Charles T. Greene, program chairman, states that this will be the first of four meetings sponsored by the league during the season, and that women guests are invited on this occasion. Valentine Miller of Glen Rock is president of the Layman's League.



JAMES WILFRID KERR

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# Political Pincers In Waldwick Poised To Strike At Reilly

## Independents, G. O. P. After Council Posts

The three-cornered political battle in Waldwick bids fair to be the best political show hereabout this campaign. The two organized spearheads directed against Mayor John J. Reilly represent the Waldwick League of Independent Voters on the one hand and the Republican Club's candidates on the other, thus forming a perfect pincers with which they hope to capture some of the emoluments of a political coupe such as have not been



CHARLES H. JACKSON

taken over in the borough in many years.

That the Mayor is cognizant of the fact that this is going to be a real show-down, is apparent from the fact that he has remained unusually quiet so far as political utterances are concerned, which has been interpreted as being the calm that comes before the squall.

Mayor Reilly has running with him Councilman John Carlin, ex-Councilman Matthew Peeley and Henry Van Hull, and they hope to sweep the borough. Against them they have the un-

usually aggressive Waldwick League. Independent Voters headed by Councilman William Ward for Mayor, always a strong vote-getter on the Democratic ticket; James Kerr, another Democrat, Henry Spies a Republican and "Ned" F. Hopkins a Republican. The Republican ticket is headed by Charles E. Opdyke for Mayor, Charles Jackson, Horace Stevenson and Jack Virga for positions on the Council.

### Republican Platform

The Republicans in their platform state they stand for the following:

First—Efficient and Honest Administration.

Second—Elimination of waste and full value for every Dollar spent.

Third—Opposition to any deals, adverse to and at the expense of taxpayers.

Fourth—The Welfare of Waldwick, rather than that of any individual.

Fifth—The election of capable men for capable administration.

Sixth—Appointments based on merit and ability, rather than as political reward.

### Independents' Stand

The Independents have their ticket equally balanced between Democrats and Republicans and report what they are getting assurances of much support from both major parties, scattered among those voters who believe it is time for the Reilly group to relinquish its hold on the borough.

Recriminations have been hurled back and forth, Mayor Reilly having answered the insinuation that his citizenship is in doubt, beyond all question, and now Herbert D. Albert has come forward with positive proof that he is an honorably discharged veteran of the World War.

Here is a letter that Mr. Albert has received from Major General E. S. Adams, the Adjutant General, from Washington, after an investigation of Albert's record had been made on the request of Congressman J. Parnell Thomas:

"Mr. Herbert D. Albert,  
"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of October 15, 1941, concerning your military record and a letter which is said to have been addressed to the Mayor of Waldwick, New Jersey, by this office.

"A letter dated September 29, 1941, was received from Mr. Frank C. Holley, Chief of Police, Waldwick, New Jersey, requesting the military record of Herbert D. Albert who resided at Waldwick, New Jersey. On October 3, 1941, Mr. Holley was advised that this office was unable to identify the record of service of Herbert D. Albert from the information furnished and there is attached a copy of this letter.

"The records show that Herbert D. Albert, Army serial number 287633, enlisted December 15, 1917, at Camp Dix, New Jersey; left the United States for foreign service February 26, 1918, as a private of the 264th Aero Squadron; served in England and France and returned to the United States March 7, 1919. He was honorably discharged March 18, 1919, at Air Service Depot, Garden City, L. I., New York, as a private, 264th Aero Squadron, by reason of demobilization."

### Republican's Statement

Finally a statement has come from Charles H. Jackson, at present a Councilman, who is running for reelection in which he has the following to say:

"To the Voters of Waldwick:

"As the election draws near you probably have received many promises of 'I will do this' and 'I will do that.' However, every so often such promises are not fulfilled. It would appear to me that one fair way to select a candidate would be to check his past record and his interest in the Borough. Check on what he has already done to improve the Borough, giving time freely without any thought of compensation. Any one will work for money. For those who agree with me on this system, I gladly relate my past activities:

"A Resident of Waldwick for the past 16 years.

"A taxpayer for the past eight years.

## Lawyer Will Speak At Waldwick Rally

A parade and rally will be conducted next Monday evening by Waldwick's League of Independent Voters and it is expected that many cars will be in the procession which will lead through the principal streets of the town to the school hall where the meeting is to be held. Finally preparations were discussed at the meeting held last evening in Maratene Hall.

The speaker at the rally is to be H. Couetnwy Clinch, a lawyer of River Edge, who is an able speaker and will discuss the issues of the campaign. Entertainment will be furnished and in course of the evening the local candidates will be heard. On the program will be Councilman William E. Ward, candidate for Mayor; James W. Kerr, Henry A. Spies and Edward F. Hopkins, candidates for Councilman. The public is cordially invited to attend the rally.

## Independents Plan For Rally Monday

At a meeting of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters on Wednesday evening in the Maratene Building, plans were discussed for the Grand Rally which will be held in the auditorium of the public school on Election eve, Monday, November 3.

The candidates, Councilman William E. Ward for Mayor; James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies, councilmanic candidates for three year terms; and Edward F. Hopkins, councilmanic candidate for a one year term, will discuss issues of the election, and the League's platform. There will also be out-of-town speakers, and other guests. Entertainment will be furnished between the speakers.

The meeting was well attended, and many new members were present to hear the candidates discuss matters of interest to the voters.

## SPIES ELECTED

### He Heads Board Of Public Library At Waldwick; Others Named

Election of Henry A. Spies as president of the board of the Waldwick Public Library was announced Friday night following a meeting of the trustees at the Library in the Public School. As president of the Waldwick Men's Club which sponsored the creation of the Library and its maintenance, Spies was one of the principal figures behind its formation.

Announced last night as other members of the board of trustees were Mrs. E. Ludwig Schaeffer, secretary and treasurer; Frank H. Pfleger Jr., Mrs. Herman George Honig, James W. Kerr, Mayor John J. Reilly, Dr. Silas E. Robinson, and Richard A. Daly.

Library hours were announced on Monday from 3 to 4 P. M. and on Thursday from 7 to 9 P. M. The Board also stated that there are 1,700 books now on the shelves, including volumes of fiction and technical works. Special books for research may be secured on order through the co-operation of the Library Extension Service at Trenton.

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY—COUNTY OF BERGEN

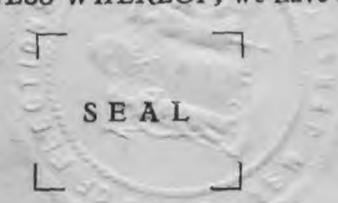
## PERMIT OF CHALLENGER

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that by virtue of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to Regulate Elections," Title 19, Revised Statutes, and the several amendments and supplement thereto, the BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS has issued this permit to

Name ..... Municipality WALDWICK Party INDEP. Ward ..... Dist. 1

To act as CANDIDATES' CHALLENGER for Election District shown, for GENERAL ELECTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and seal at Hackensack this Nov. 4, 1941.



BERTHA J. LEIN  
 H. P. J. HOFFMANN  
 JOHN F. STEWART  
 PAUL A. VIVERS

} Bergen County  
 Board  
 of Elections

### Two Waldwick Clubs Pledge Support In Present Crisis

#### Write Mayor Letters Denouncing Attacks and Pledging Full Support

Mayor J. J. Reilly of Waldwick was made happy yesterday afternoon when he received two letters, one from the Marconi Club, pledging support to defense, and a similar one from the Del Abruzzi lodge.

The first letter reads as follows:  
 G. Marconi Social Club  
 Waldwick, N. J.

"December 26, 1941

"To Mayor Reilly,  
 "My dear Mr. Reilly:  
 "At a recent meeting of the G.

**BUY DEFENSE BONDS NOW**

Marconi Social Club of Waldwick, which is comprised of about forty members, most of whom are American born or naturalized citizens, by unanimous vote I was asked to advise you that every member of this club stands ready to contribute his services, day or night, in whatever manner you wish, in the defense of our community.

"Also, our clubhouse is at your dis-

#### Waldwick Clubs Pledge Allegiance

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 posal for any purpose of this nature.

"For further information regarding the names of our members and their trades, please call upon me at any time.

"Very truly yours,  
 "Frank Lombardi,  
 "Secretary"

#### Another Lodge Backs U. S.

Late last evening Mayor Reilly received a second letter, this one coming from Loggia Del Abruzzi, of Waldwick, N. J., which has about one hundred and fifty members all told. Following is the letter:

Loggia Del Abruzzi  
 Dec. 27, 1941

"Hon. J. J. Reilly,  
 "Borough of Waldwick, N. J.

"Dear sir:  
 "We are a group of Italian Americans, of the above organization, who wish to express our full support of the United States, our country, in its hour of danger.

"We are Italian in blood and heritage but we condemn the declaration of war by the Italian government against the United States.

"We feel sure that the native Italian people do not approve this act of their Fascist government. To defend our country we intend to take our place in the armed forces and civilian defense, and wherever possible to do our part to insure victory.

"American victory will be Italy's freedom, and the defense of our country will help rid the world of Fascist slavery."  
 "Antonio Montanile."

# Waldwick Independents Out To Defeat Reilly

## League Starts Off With Fine Enrollment

When the voters of Waldwick go to the polls next election day, regardless of who is nominated at the Primaries this coming Tuesday, they will have three complete tickets from which to make their choice, for an active number of citizens have gotten behind Councilman William E. Ward and placed him in the race for Mayor to oppose both the present Democratic incumbent, who is seeking another term, and also against Charles E. Opdyke who has entered the race as the Republican candidate for Mayor. Both these will be nominated Tuesday, but a full independent ticket has been placed in the field to oppose them.

Ward has been on the board for seven years and has been an opponent of Mayor Reilly on matters of economy, particularly in the issue over Charles F. Black, former borough attorney.

Running with Ward on the ticket will be James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies for a three-year term and Edward F. Hopkins for the one-year unexpired term on the Council. The group has adopted the name "Waldwick League of Independent Voters" and already has a sizable active membership.

Kerr has been a member of the board of health for some time and is past commander of the Walter Nightengale Post of the American Legion. Spies is president of the Men's Club and was instrumental in establishing a library for Waldwick.

Many in Waldwick believe that the present regime has been too long in control of borough affairs and the League has adopted the slogan "For Better Municipal Government" and stresses the point that there has long been a demand for change. The following statement has been issued by the League:

"The League feels that it is presenting one of the strongest tickets ever presented to the voters of Waldwick. These outstanding candidates are known for their interest in all civic activities, their administrative abilities, and their clear understanding of the problems which confront the people of Waldwick."

A headquarters is to be established and an election of officers will be held at an early date. Membership cards are being distributed and readily accepted, it is reported, and by the time election comes around, the club have enough votes.

### RALLY AT WALDWICK

Preparations for the final pre-election rally at the Waldwick Public School auditorium Monday night were completed at the meeting of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters in Maratone Hall Wednesday night. All local candidates, including Councilman William E. Ward, for Mayor, and Henry A. Spies, James W. Kerr, and Edward F. Hopkins, for Borough Council, will discuss major issues in the Borough's three-cornered campaign.

## Justine Boylan Is Vice-President of Independents

### Elected at Session Last Night—Candidates Discuss Topics of Interest to Voters

Justin Boylan, of Maple avenue, was elected vice-president of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters at their regular meeting last evening in the Maratone building on Prospect street.

The meeting was well attended and many new members were introduced by the president, James J. McGovern.

Topics of interest to the voters were discussed by the candidates. Councilman William E. Ward, who is seeking election as Mayor, spoke on the duty of all citizens to register and vote on Election Day, November 4.

James W. Kerr, Henry A. Spies, who are seeking councilmanic positions for three years, both spoke. Mr. Kerr, using the topic "Waldwick and the Bill of Rights," which later developed into a forum discussion, with everyone participating. Mr. Spies spoke on the topic "Your

a meeting... Independent Voters on Wednesday evening, their platform was adopted as follows: 1. Full value for every penny of your tax dollar; 2. take the police department out of politics; 3. place the recorder on a salary basis, and pay the cost of court to the borough; 4. no absentee councilmen; 5. eliminate the high cost of the borough's legal service and 6. make Waldwick a community of which to be proud.

Their candidates are Councilman William E. Ward for mayor; James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies for councilmen for three years; Edward F. Hopkins for councilman for one year. They are also endorsing the candidacy of Collector Myles Maratone, who is seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket. They are for better municipal government and understand the problems facing the people of Waldwick and are definitely interested in the welfare of the borough.

Mr. Ward has been a councilman for the past seven years; serving part of that time as president of the council; and is a life long resident of the borough. Mr. Kerr is a well known artist who combines business ability with new liberal ideas. He is a World War veteran and past commander of the Walter Nightengale Post, American Legion; president of the Board of Health, former member of the zoning board, chairman of the defense council and president of the former Property Owners' Association.

Mr. Spies is an insurance engineer, and is president of the Men's Community Club; he is chairman of the Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hopkins is a real estate broker and was born in Waldwick and attended the public school here. Through his years of experience, in handling real estate, he understands the borough's problems, especially those of property and taxes.

# LEAGUE TACKLES BOROUGH ISSUES ONLY, KERR SAYS

## Waldwick Independents Retain Party Ties In County And State

### ANSWER TO REILLY

Regardless of their independent position in the forthcoming Borough election, members of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters retain their Republican or Democratic party affiliations in County and State politics, James W. Kerr, independent candidate for Borough Council told members of the League at a meeting Wednesday night at Maratone Hall.

"Our issue is strictly a local one and is applied to our Borough contest only," Kerr told the audience. "The candidates on our ticket have stepped aside from their party affiliations and have entered the ranks of the independents because, individually, they feel they can no longer follow the leadership of their party in matters of municipal government. This fight is wholly a local matter within the Borough of Waldwick and does not affect the identity any of these men may have in County or State issues."

The statement was taken to be an answer to insinuations made by Mayor John J. Reilly, Democrat, which questioned the right of some individuals on the ticket to the label of "independent."

Councilman William E. Ward candidate for Mayor, urged members of the League to check the Borough thoroughly in a campaign to make certain that all eligible voters were registered before the deadline on October 7. Edward Hopkins, candidate for the 1-year unexpired term on the Council, outlined the general plans for the election.

The group set next Wednesday night at Maratone Hall as the date for its next meeting. The topic for this meeting's discussion will be, "It is the duty of every citizen to vote."

# Jas. J. McGovern Is Independent Voters' President

Slate of Officers Named at Ses-  
sion of New Organization  
Last Week

James J. McGovern, of Harrison avenue, was elected president of Waldwick's League of Independent Voters at the organization meeting on Wednesday evening. Officers elected to serve with him were Mrs. Nicholas Algozzinni, former Democratic County Committeewoman in District No. 2, secretary; Joseph H. Hiner, former Democratic Councilman, treasurer.

Richard A. Daley was selected to serve as campaign manager for the coming general election when this group will endorse the candidacy of Councilman William E. Ward, for Mayor; James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies, for Councilmen for three years, and Edward Hopkins for Councilman for one year. The candidates all spoke briefly and a discussion was held on "You can't buy my vote."

The membership of this new Independent group has reached 204 members, it was reported. The executive committee met on Saturday evening and the regular meeting was held last evening in the Maratene Hall Prospect street.

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## Waldwick Firemen Seeking Apparatus, Alarm System

### Fire Commissioner Backs Request; Council Asks For Figures; No Funds In Budget

Request for a new fire apparatus and for the installation of a new fire alarm system was left with the Waldwick Borough Council at its meeting last night by the Fire Department. The request came in a letter from D. Frank Workman, fire company president.

#### FEELEY BACKS MOVE

Workman's letter stated that the last piece of apparatus was purchased in 1928. The department has functioned with that equipment since that time, although the housing in the Borough has increased from 354 homes to 685.

Councilman Matthew F. Feeley, chairman of the police and fire committee of the Council, gave strong support to Workman's letter. The newest piece of apparatus is in its 14th year, he said, and the auxiliary truck in its 24th year. The latter truck, he said, is not operating at present, having broken down several times.

The fire alarm system, he said, is generally run down, and liable to go out of operation any time, leaving the Borough without fire or air raid alarm system. He strongly urged that the Council meet the request of the Fire Department.

Councilman Henry Van Hull also expressed the advisability of getting the equipment, rather than take the chance of facing a serious emergency without adequate equipment.

The subject of fire insurance rates was also discussed, and it was said that rates would undoubtedly rise sharply unless an improvement was made in the fire equipment.

James W. Kerr, Defense Council chairman, was present in the audience as was Fire Chief William Cutler and other officers of the department. Kerr spoke at length on the need for both the new engine and the alarm system.

Test alarms on Saturday, held under supervision of Public Service experts, have shown that the wiring of the system is in bad condition, and that the discs in the siren itself are cracked, Kerr said.

Efforts are being made to get the co-operation of the Erie Railroad, he added, to use the whistles on engines in the Waldwick switching yards as an air raid alarm system should the fire siren go out of operation.

Kerr said that the department would be unable to handle more than one alarm, with its auxiliary truck out of action as it is at present.

Some wag in the department, it was noticed at the apparatus room in headquarters, has draped a portion of the front of the auxiliary truck with black crepe, and a dried wreath of flowers rests against the front bumper.

Councilman John J. Carlin, who presided as Mayor last night in the absence of Mayor John J. Reilly, told Kerr that the Council felt expressly as he did on the matter.

The question was referred to Feeley's committee to come back to the next meeting with estimates on both the new engine and the alarm system.

Although the subject was not discussed at the meeting, any purchase of the equipment would have to be by an emergency appropriation, approved at Trenton, since there is no provision in the 1942 budget.

Bids were received on the sale of the old mechanical equipment held by the Borough, but no longer in use. The Frank W. English Company's bid of \$425 was high. The Council appeared on the verge of approving the sale to the highest bidder, but Councilman Kenneth Howe expressed the belief that the sale of the one truck and snow plow should be considered seriously before final action was taken.

It would be virtually impossible to get another truck and plow for next winter, he said, and in that event the Council would be faced with the expensive proposition of letting its snow removal out on contract. The matter was referred back to committee to decide on the question of whether or not the truck should be included in the sale.

Borough Engineer Frank W. Evans said he would have a State Board of Health representative out to determine exactly what the Board desired in regard to approving the new well, since some of its recommendations seemed unreasonable. One of these, that of sealing the old drill holes, Evans said, was unnecessary, since the holes were already well-sealed. Councilman William E. Ward added that a State Board man had approved the job when the holes were sealed.

Assessor William H. Shuart asked for permission to use two lots near his home for a Victory Garden. The Council will inform him that it has not foreclosed on the property, and since it doesn't hold title, cannot exercise any rights over the property.

Two lots on Manhattan Avenue were sold for \$300 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sedlatschek of Paterson.

The Council adjourned until April 1, since its ordinary April 3 meeting would fall on Good Friday night.

# Firemen Ask For New Apparatus, Fire Alarm System

## Kerr Appointed to Command In Boro

### Defense Council Head Will Take Charge in Borough in Event of Emergency

Chairman James W. Kerr, of the Waldwick Defense Council was appointed to supreme command in the borough in the event of an emergency. First and second assistants, whose duties would be to replace the commander in the event of his absence or illness, are Arthur L. Holley and James Gery.

These appointments were made following receipts of instruction from Leonard Dreyfuss, State Director of Civilian Defense. The appointments were made by Mayor John J. Reilly. These men were named at a special meeting of the Local Council on Wednesday evening. They replace Ellsworth Gill and Anthony Pecora.

Jeremiah Martel was named as sub-chairman of the decontamination committee of which Dr. Vinc W. Guidice is the chairman.

Arm bands for identification will be distributed to all those who qualify, at a cost of fifteen cents deposit.

On Saturday and Sunday, sand will be distributed to all residents free of charge who will place either a bucket, pail, garbage can, or any other receptacle on the curb, in front of their homes.

An attempt is being made to procure a dozen test bombs to be used in actual tests within the borough limits.

### Present Truck Was Purchased in 1926, Workman Informed Council

## As Defense Essential Request Supported

### Finance Committee to Consider Purchase—Prices Will Be Obtained

A new fire apparatus and the installation of a new fire alarm system was asked by the Waldwick Fire Department in a communication from President D. Frank Workman, which was read at Friday night's regular meeting of the borough council.

Workman stated that the American-LeFrance engine which the department is now using was purchased in 1928, and at that time there were only 354 houses in the borough. At present there are 685.

Councilman Matthew F. Feeley, who is Chairman of the Fire Committee, emphasized the need of new apparatus, saying that the auxiliary which is now used by the department is about twenty-three years ago, and frequently breaks down, costing the borough about \$75 every time.

He continued by saying that the fire alarm system is inadequate, and that it is in need of a complete overhauling. Both Councilmen Feeley and Henry Van Hull stressed the necessity of giving the department adequate equipment, because at the present time, no one knows when an emergency will arise.

All present thought it would be a benefit to the taxpayers, although there is no appropriation in the budget for such a purchase; and if it is undertaken this year, it must be made through an emergency appropriation. In fact, the department's request at the beginning of the new year for certain funds, was curtailed, to keep the local budget down as low as possible.

James W. Kerr, chairman of the Defense Council, spoke on the subject, and stressed its importance during this trying time of war and the uncertainty of when a definite emergency might arise. He spoke of the test alarms held every Saturday, and said that the wiring is in bad condition, as are the discs.

Councilman Feeley was authorized to confer with the finance committee, of which Councilman Kenneth Howe, is chairman, and to secure prices for both a new apparatus and fire alarm system, and to submit them at the next meeting of the council, which will be an adjourned meeting on Wednesday evening, April 1.

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# Test Blackout Is Planned In Boro As Part Of State Test

## Waldwick Fire Commissioner Backs Request For Apparatus

### Council Reveals No Funds In Borough Budget

Firemen in Waldwick requested new apparatus and a new alarm system of the Waldwick Borough Council which met Friday night. D. Frank Workman, president of the fire company, wrote to the Council explaining that the last piece of apparatus was bought in 1928 and is now fourteen years old. This apparatus has been in use ever since that time without any new machines being added. Moreover, housing in the borough has increased almost twofold.

#### Supports Request

Councilman Matthew F. Feeley, chairman of the police and fire committee of the Council, supported Workman, saying that the auxiliary truck is twenty-four years old and at present is not working. It was also noticed that someone had draped the hood of the auxiliary truck in black crepe and placed a dried wreath of flowers against the bumper. The truck has broken down several times before.

#### Poor Alarm System

The Council also learned of the poor condition of the fire alarm system which is generally run down and apt to fall apart at any time leaving the borough without a fire or air raid alarm. Councilman Feeley strongly felt that the Council should make provisions for acquiring new apparatus.

Councilman Henry Van Hull also advised the Council to get new apparatus to avoid the possibility of being

ing faced with an emergency unprepared to meet it.

#### Insurance Rates

This brought up the question of fire insurance rates. It was felt that the rates would undoubtedly rise unless some improvement in fire fighting equipment was made.

Among those in the audience were James W. Kerr, Defense Council chairman, and Fire Chief William Cutler as well as other officers of the fire department. Kerr told of test alarms held last Saturday under the supervision of Public Service experts. The test proved the poor condition of the alarm system and also showed that the discs in the siren itself are cracked.

Kerr also pointed out that with the auxiliary truck out of commission as it is, it would be impossible to answer more than one call at a time.

In the case of the siren, an effort has been made to get engineers in the Erie switching yards in Waldwick to blow the steam whistles when an emergency arises.

#### Reilly Absent

Councilman John J. Carlin, acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor John J. Reilly, told Kerr that he felt just as the department did on the matter.

Feeley's committee was appointed to get estimates on a new engine and alarm system which they would present to the Council at the next meeting.

However, if any new equipment is purchased, an emergency appropriation must be made and approved at Trenton since there is no provision

Wednesday, April 15, From 10 to 10:15 P. M. is Time Set for Test

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### Homeowners Urged To Test Protection

#### Inspect Own Precautions in Advance of State Test, Kerr Asks

The Test Blackout covering all or parts of nine counties in the northern section of the State will be staged on Wednesday, April 15th, from 10 to 10:15 p. m., Chairman James F. Kerr, of the Local Defense Council was informed in a letter from Leonard Dreyfuss, State Director of Civilian Defense, yesterday.

Kerr stressed the importance of this test and urged all residents to test their own blackout precautions before the test next week. A factory here, stores and offices were tested last night, he said, urging homeowners to be certain that their protection is adequate.

It was announced last week that the test would be held during the week of April 12, but the exact date and time were not set at that time.

The test will include all of Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties; all of Middlesex county except Plainsboro and Cranbury townships; portions of Monmouth, Somerset and Morris Counties.

The area to be covered is approximately 1,500 square miles and takes in the most populous and most heavily industrialized section of the state. All local defense councils in the area have been notified of the proposed test and have been making preparations for it.

Dreyfuss said that all the officials of the New Jersey Defense Council will observe the test at various points and that Army officials would also observe. Plans are being made for observation from the air.

Industrial plants working on war contracts were notified that they were not to cease operations during the test blackout. However, Dreyfuss said, the plants could test the effectiveness of their blackout precautions while the test was in effect although continuing operation.

Air raid wardens and members of other civilian defense protective forces have been notified to be on their posts for at least a half hour before 10 p. m. because they will not be permitted to drive during the blackout. All traffic, except police, firemen, doctors, nurses, and clergymen, on duty calls, will be halted while the test is in progress. Traffic entering the blackout area will be halted by state and local police.

"This test will cover an area in any attempted heretofore Atlantic coast," Dreyfuss in particularly among the councils.

## Waldwick Notes

The Waldwick Defense Council met at the Municipal Building on Wednesday.

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day with chairman James W. Kerr in charge. Announcement was made that sand is to be distributed at four points throughout the Borough and residents may obtain same on Saturday and Sunday. At the pump house opposite the public school: Franklin Turnpike and Prospect Street at the old school grounds; opposite H. R. Muzzio's garage on Franklin Turnpike; and Ridge Street and Lincoln Place. If the supply is replenished, the sand will also be distributed the following Saturday. One dozen incendiary bombs will be used in an actual test at a future date. A report was also made that 125 sectional maps of the five different zones are being printed and will be available soon. Arm bands for each of the committee chairman can now be obtained and the qualifications are ten hours of first aid or its equivalent, before these arm bands can be procured.

Plans were also made to participate in the Memorial Day parade as a unit of the Civilian Defense and Mr. Kerr explained anyone desiring to obtain an arm band, will have to earn it and work for it.

James Jary of Hudson Avenue, gave a talk on all types of incendiary bombs and the control of same, at a meeting of the demolition committee held on Tuesday night at the Legion hut, with Vernon Bush as chairman.

# Best Blackout In This Vicinity Was Highly Successful

## Town Congratulated

Chairman James W. Kerr, of Waldwick Defense Council, received a telegram of congratulation on the success of last night's blackout from John L. Goodbody, director of the Jersey City Branch of the State Defense Council, he reported this morning.

Kerr added his congratulations to the residents of the borough for their fine spirit of cooperation.

## Heads of Defense Councils in North Jersey Report Fine Spirit of Cooperation

## Few Violations Are Reported In Test

## All Defense Services Mobilized—No Accidents Resulted in First Trial

Last night's test blackout in the northern section of New Jersey was reported to have been remarkably successful, heads of defense councils in the municipalities in this vicinity reported this morning.

In Ramsey Commander James A. Conklin reported that the alarm was received at the defense headquarters in the Municipal Building from the Paterson police and relayed to Mahwah, Allendale and Wyckoff. Waldwick was notified through Allendale, and in cooperation with Saddle River, maintained an observation post at Crest street, a point with an elevation of 410 feet, which commanded a view of the entire Paramus Valley.

Defense Chairman James W. Kerr, of Waldwick, spoke of the cooperation offered by Defense Chairman J. M. Willey, of Saddle River, who made accommodations at the post available to three Waldwick observers. This post commands a view of the entire valley, including all of Paramus and Oradell, part of Ridgewood, the north part of Hackensack and River Edge as far as the Palisades.

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### Waldwick Cooperates

There were four exceptions to the "all lights out" rule in Waldwick. One case was because of sickness in the family and the second case was caused by the family leaving town and leaving their lights on. In the other two instances, Air Raid Wardens had the lights extinguished, according to a statement by Walter Kerr, head of the Defense Council.

Excellent cooperation was had from the defense units as the corps quickly swung into action with the first sounding of the sirens. The people of the community complied 100 per cent with the blackout rules, with the exception of the four cases mentioned.

Three men, stationed on the highest point in Waldwick, observed a total blackout looking in a southeasterly direction over the Paramus Valley toward the George Washington Bridge.

Waldwick

Correspondent—Vera Algor

## Waldwick Has Total Blackout

### Police Officer Only Violator

James W. Kerr, chairman of the Civilian Defense Council, of Waldwick, reported that the blackout held on Monday night was most successful. The cooperation of the public made this blackout more successful than the last one.

Chairman Kerr reported that the only violation was committed by a member of the police department, who was driving a car with lights on, up Franklin Turnpike, during the blackout and he was severely publicly reprimanded by the chairman. The Fire department gave 100 per cent cooperation, as did all departments of the Civilian Defense. Mr. Kerr wishes to thank the public for cooperating.

## WALDWICK

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Chairman James W. Kerr, of the defense council, received a telegram of congratulation on the success of last night's blackout from John L. Goodbody, director of the Jersey City Branch of the State Defense Council, he reported this morning.

Kerr added his congratulations to the residents of the borough for their fine spirit of cooperation.

Defense Chairman Lyma Ceely, of Allendale, reported that the blackout test there was completely successful. No accidents were reported from any of the municipalities in this vicinity, he said. Ceely particularly mentioned the cooperation of the telephone operators, who handled a large volume of calls efficiently.

Both Kerr and Ceely expressed their thanks to the members of the local defense forces and particularly to the residents of the boroughs for their splendid cooperation.

Describing the set-up in Ramsey, Commander James A. Conklin said that an additional phone had been installed in the police room for defense use. Two rooms were blacked out and used as defense headquarters, in addition to the casualty clearing station which has been set up in the basement. These quarters were fully manned by the headquarters organization of police, air raid and fire heads.

Nine light delivery trucks, which could be used as emergency ambulances were on duty. One was assigned to each of the clearing stations and the remaining five were held in reserve at the Municipal Building. The vehicles were manned by a driver, nurse, and First Aid Squad member.

Several violations were reported, Conklin said. In one case the occupants had gone out for the evening, leaving lights burning. In another a man fell asleep and left the lights burning. Wardens called the attention of homeowners to several minor violations which were corrected at once.

In the future, in case of a blackout, Conklin asked that no phone calls requiring emergency medical aid be sent over the police phone. This type of aid will be handled over the Northern Bergen Nursing Service line, Ramsey 273. The police phone should be reserved for police functions, he said.

"The effectiveness of the test blackout was 100 per cent in Hohokus Township," said Chairman Charles Hallenbeck, of the Local Defense Council, this morning. "There were checkers at various strategic points in the Township who observed the efficiency with which the test was conducted," he said.

Some 400 volunteer workers in the various defense services were on duty. Great credit is being given to the Air Raid Wardens and the other services for the preliminary work which they have done in perfecting plans for carrying out the blackout under the instructions of the New Jersey Defense Council.

At the American Brake Shoe and Foundry plant, a defense industry, the plant was operated with the lights on but the surrounding yard lights were blacked out.

The Township had a special problem due to the fact that it is adjacent to the New York State line, which state

## Test Blackout

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was not included in the blackout.

All traffic was halted at the State line by regular and reserve police on eight roads, including Route 17. The Suffern police cooperated, halting cars at the line for the blackout period. No traffic accidents were reported in the Township during the blackout.

The four casualty stations were covered and emergency ambulances and all other services were in operation.

Upper Saddle River reported that the Air Raid Observation post was manned as usual and that the alarm for the blackout was given by ringing the church and school bells.

At 8:30 a meeting of defense services was held at the borough hall when final instructions were given. The twenty-one zones in the borough were covered by an air raid warden and a police reserve. One violation was reported.

## Air Raid Alarm Rules In Waldwick

### Committees Named For Duties

The Civilian Defense Council of Waldwick of which James W. Kerr is chairman is expanding its activities very extensively. A meeting was held on Wednesday night at the office of Secretary Herman George Honig on Frederick Street, and it was decided that a series of long and short blasts on the fire alarm lasting from 3 to 5 minutes, will be the air raid signal. The all-clear will be 4 short blasts.

A revision of the sub-committees, resulted as follows: Charles Jackson vulnerability; Mr. Honig, public relations and education; John J. Scully, transportation; Chief Frank C. Holly and Ellsworth Gill, police reserves, D. Frank Workman, fire reserves; Dr. S. F. Robinson and Dr. V. W. Giudice, health, first aid and decontamination; Charles J. Kennedy, supplies; Vernon Y. Bush, demolition, rescue and repair; Councilman-elect Mathew Feeley, Stanley Cunningham, communications; James McQuilken, Mrs. Grace K. Mott, consumer interest; W. E. Evans, J. C. Gary, air raid.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday night at the Municipal Building for the duration.

Twenty-five women have gone from house-to-house with questionnaires, so that a file can be made of all residents and what they are best qualified to do, in case of an emergency. If there is any one who has not filled out a questionnaire, they may do so, by going to defense headquarters at the Municipal Building.

Reports were made by the various chairmen.

The official air raid alarms are: a blast of five seconds at intervals of three seconds. The all-clear alarm will be one blast of two minutes.

Chairman Kerr urges citizens not to become hysterical and not to accept rumors as authentic. He said each worker has a card by which he can be recognized and which is his certificate. Instructions will be issued from time to time as to what is to be done under emergencies. Clerical workers are needed and those who can serve may get in touch with Mrs. Ludwig Schaefer or Mrs. George Honig. If they have portable typewriters they are asked to bring them along.

## Officially Approve Armbands Ordered

Approval was given to the armbands of the OCD, officially recognized by the State and National Defense representatives, at a meeting of the Civilian Defense Council of Waldwick, Wednesday evening in the municipal building. The armbands are white with red and blue embroidered insignia. All Waldwick defense workers will be given a band.

An order was placed for wrenches to be used for the water shutoff valves. Each of the five districts, which the Borough has been divided into will have a wrench.

A report describing the work done by the Council has been sent to Trenton by the office staff. Chairman James W. Kerr declared that the work is well organized and is being quickly carried out.

### Scouts to Aid

A Boy Scout from Troop 88 will be stationed at the municipal building defense headquarters next Wednesday evening and on each Wednesday evening thereafter to run errands and perform any such duties the Council may require.

Work on stretchers by the Council is advancing. The stretchers will be used by the First Aid Committees of which Dr. S. E. Robinson is chairman.

Residents with tools to donate to the Council or wishing information on Civilian Defense should contact Horace Stevenson or Robert Hull who are in charge of the Office of the Civilian Defense. The Office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening in the municipal building.

## WALDWICK GETS AIR RAID DRILL

### All Defense Units Help Work Out Problem

Waldwick's civilian defense council staged its first air raid drill last night, with practically all departments co-operating, including regular police and firemen, reserves of both units, air raid wardens, and first aid and demolition crews.

The first alarm was sounded at 8:23 P. M., when a fire was lighted on West Prospect Street between Harrison Avenue and the Erie Railroad tracks. The Fire Department had hose stretched at the scene within 4 minutes.

No sooner had the first piece of apparatus gone into action when a second flare was touched off on Zazzetti Street and other fire apparatus responded. Air raid wardens enforced blackout regulations in stores and houses within a 200-yard radius.

William R. Evans, director of air raid wardens, said that his crew executed their tasks perfectly. Chief William O. Cutler had charge of the Fire department's operations, D. Frank Workman directed the reserves. Police and reserves were handled by Chief Frank C. Holley.

Minor corrections were worked out at a meeting after the drill.

## Air Raid Tests Planned In Boro

### Permission Given Defense Council to Blow Signal Every Saturday at Noon

James W. Kerr, of Dora avenue, chairman of the Waldwick Defense Council, have released the following excerpts from letters which he has received. The local Defense Council has been granted permission to use the official air raid signal at noon every Saturday, starting January 31, and continuing every Saturday until further notice for test purposes.

This alarm will only be blown once on Saturdays unless an actual air raid occurs, when it will be blown again. The alarm is five blasts separated by three minute intervals, with the all clear signal, two blasts, sounding five minutes later.

The Branch Office of the New Jersey State Defense Council also urges all residents to save paper, rags, scrap iron, and old rubber, and when a sufficient amount is accumulated, they are to either sell it to junk men or give it to Social Service agencies to be turned over for Defense purposes.

## Distribute Sand To Residents Here

### Defense Council Selects Four Locations at Which Supplies of Sand Will Be Placed

The Waldwick Defense Council completed plans for the distribution of sand to residents of the borough for use in fighting fires caused by a possible raid in which incendiary bombs may be used, Chairman James W. Kerr announced today. The sand will be available after Sunday.

Four distribution points have been selected at which a supply of sand will be placed. They are:

The pump house at the water works opposite the new school.

The old school property on Franklin turnpike and Prospect street.

Opposite Muzzio's Service Station on Franklin turnpike.

Ridge street and Lincoln place in the Blockdel Development.

An actual test with incendiary bombs is being considered for the near future.

Mrs. Myron Smith, president of the Waldwick Garden Club, reported that all members of that organization will work on Victory Gardens this summer.

Sectional maps for each defense zone in Waldwick are being prepared. They are for the use of each of the civilian defense captains.

Armbands are to be given to those qualifying for first aid or who will perform active duty of ten hours, or its equivalent in first aid instruction.

**Waldwick News**

**6 Men Doing Job Of 30 in CD, Colonel Warns**

Waldwick—Seven members of Waldwick's Civilian Defense organization heard a talk Tuesday night by Colonel Edward E. Cattalini, U. S. Army Signal Corps, of 17 Cleveland Avenue. Colonel Cattalini, active "spare time" worker in the civilian defense field, was Chief of the Signal Section for southern Germany from 1949 to 1951. He moved to Waldwick in 1948, just before being sent overseas.

Stating the gist of his confidential remarks after the meeting, Colonel Cattalini said, "What it amounted to was: Let the people here in town listen to their civilian defense heads. It's later than they think."

He also revealed that he had commented that the Waldwick CD office has a "good plan," but "one-half dozen men are trying to do the job of thirty."

Mrs. William H. Dawson Jr., of 73 Waldwick Avenue, one of the staff present, afterwards declared, "If they could hear him speak, every man, woman and child in Waldwick would go out for civilian defense!" Mrs. Dawson, originally Deputy Director of Zone Four, says that "these days I do a lot of different things; any help I can give."

Others present when Colonel Cattalini talked at the regular CD Tuesday night meeting of the organization in the municipal building were James W. Kerr, director of civilian defense; Laurence Mahon, Andrew Belinda, radio experts; Victor Rush, president of the Waldwick Woodlands Association, and Lindsley Williams, Captain of Zone Five.

During his talk Colonel Cattalini recommended a pamphlet, "What If War Struck Here," which anyone can obtain from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for ten cents. Invited by Mr. Kerr to speak, Colonel Cattalini said he had accepted, "glad to be of some use, if I'm able. Anything to help make Waldwick the best it can be." The Cattalini's have two children, Frances Lee, 17 months, and John Edward, eight.

**Waldwick Gets More Water Turnoff Wrenches**

Receipt of four auxiliary wrenches for operating the shutoff valves in the Borough water system was reported last night at the meeting of the Civilian Defense Council in Waldwick. The equipment was secured by the demolition, rescue, and repair committee, of which Vernon Y. Bush is chairman.

Chairman James W. Kerr was unable to attend the meeting last night because of a trip to the Jersey City district headquarters of the State Defense Council, where he had been called for instructions.

**Gery And Holly On Defense Council**

On Wednesday evening, at a special meeting of the defense council, Mayor John J. Reilly appointed James Gery and Arthur L. Holly on the council to replace Ellsworth Gill and Anthony Pecora, respectively. These appointments to the council were made known in a communication from the mayor who is now out of town.

A communication from Leonard Dreyfuss, State Director of Civil Defense, directed either mayors or the chief executive officers in all municipalities to appoint one person to have supreme command, if and when there is a local emergency, and also to appoint a first and second assistant commander to act in case of the commander-in-chief's absence or illness. Appointed as commander-in-chief was James W. Kerr, who is chairman of the defense council, and who has been ever since its formation; first assistant commander, Arthur L. Holly; and second assistant commander, James Gery.

Jeremiah Martel was named as sub-chairman of the decontamination committee of which Dr. Vincent W. Guidice is the chairman.

Mildred Beidelman complained about annoyance her dog, kept on a trolley, suffers from those running around loose. William Vander Els was given an explanation of the workings of the building code and the adjustment board. Mrs. Rose Ardyone complained that local storekeepers were not observing the ceiling price regulations. She was referred to D. Frank Workman, commander of Civilian Defense. The Orville Association cancelled its engagement at the municipal auditorium because of the lack of heat. The matter of the John Y. Smith property taxation, was referred back to the finance committee.

*Articles undated  
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# MARATENE OUT AS TAX AGENT

## Waldwick Council Ousts Accused Collector

Myles Maratene, Tax Collector of Waldwick Borough, arrested by Bergen County Prosecutor's detectives for embezzlement Tuesday morning, was relieved of his position by the Waldwick Mayor and Council last night.

Represented by Herman George Honig, Waldwick attorney, Maratene said he was temporarily disabled, and Mayor John J. Reilly can now name a temporary collector to take his place. The meeting adjourned to next Wednesday when such an appointment may be made.

Maratene was present, free in \$10,000 bail. "Unlike many other collectors in Bergen County who have gone wrong in the past, my client is not guilty and is going to

Waldwick Mayor and Borough Council passed a resolution last night providing if Mayor John J. Reilly is absent more than 3 days from the Borough to notify Council President, Councilman William E. Ward, in writing. The motion passed 4 to 2. Mayor Reilly said: "Ward is going to be Mayor by hook or by crook."

prove himself," Honig said, and he asked for a leave of absence for Maratene "until he is acquitted or found guilty". Honig said Maratene has 3 years to go on his present term.

Auditor Allan S. McBride asked that a change in the safe and vault combinations be made, and this was referred to the finance committee to handle. Martin K. Fowler, financial investigator of the Bergen County Prosecutor's office, was at the meeting, and through McBride asked permission of the Mayor and Council to make an examination of the Tax Collector's room and records. This was granted, and McBride, Maratene, and Finance Chairman Kenneth Howe accompanied Fowler to the Collector's quarters.

McBride said the shortage on which Maratene was arrested is "merely the beginning of a total we won't know for quite a while" due to theft of the tax records some years ago.

Mayor Reilly said Maratene's arrest had been reported to him in Cleveland Tuesday and he had the office sealed by Police Chief Frank C. Holley Sr. and a 24-hour guard posted.

At this point a skirmish took place over appointment of a Borough Attorney by the Fusion Party Councilmen in control. They wanted his advice on the subject. Councilman Kenneth Howe asked the mayor: "May we appoint our attorney?" The Mayor said Jerome Kennedy of Ridgewood, who has held over as Attorney, could be asked for advice, but the Fusionists sought the aid of Sebastian Gaeta of Wyckoff, whom they had picked for Attorney. They presented a resolution to name Gaeta, and it passed with Councilmen Howe, Ward, Stevenson and Spies in favor and Carlin and Feeley voting no. Reilly said the appointment is not effective by resolution "till I sign it". When Gaeta arose to speak the Mayor said:

"Sit down or I'll have you removed."

Howe then asked Kennedy for advice on the subject. After discussion between Kennedy and Attorney Honig the Fusionists moved to have their resolution naming Gaeta rescinded, and this passed by 4 to 2. Gaeta's appointment was then moved by motion, and approved by the same 4 to 2 vote. Clerk Charles A. Bearce swore him in. Mayor Reilly tendered thanks to Attorney Kennedy for his 2 years' service and his remarks were greeted with applause. Gaeta said he would represent the entire Borough. This was greeted with applause.

On Gaeta's advice Maratene said he was temporarily disabled and cannot perform the duties of Tax Collector so that the Mayor may now name a new person to the post.

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# 41 Are Called By Grand Jury In Waldwick Probe

Prosecutor John J. Breslin Announces That Scope of Probe of Borough Affairs Is Widened

The subpoena for Anna Hopwood, Central Avenue, to Anna Hopwood, New York City, for \$200 was approved.

The receipt of a letter from F. E. Harris, projects engineer of the State Highway Department, stating that a check for \$1,049.16 for the payment of the Monroe Street pavement had been approved, was submitted through J. Paul Savage, borough engineer. Collector Myles Maratene reported that he had not yet received the check.

Several leaks in water mains were reported by Councilman Ward who stated that repairs are being made as rapidly as possible. No action was taken on the suggestion that a pipe cutter be purchased.

It was decided that in the future payment of salaries will be provided for at meetings even if a quorum is not present.

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Allendale Waldwick Ramsey  
Ho-Ho-Kus Midland Park

## Fusion Swings Into Saddle, Appoints Hilton As Recorder

Rides Roughshod Over Waldwick Mayor, Names Pick Marshal And Armstrong, Water Agent

Mayor John J. Reilly's 30-day prerogative to appoint borough office holders having expired, Fusion Party councilmen now in control in Waldwick Borough made their own appointments at the semi-monthly meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council last night at the Municipal Building.

Councilmen William E. Ward, Kenneth Howe, Horace Stevenson, and Henry A. Spies, the Fusion coalition, were opposed by Councilmen John J. Carlin and Matthew F. Feeley.

John Pick, a former chief police marshal, was made chief marshal to replace Frank C. Holley Sr. Marshals are William Perry, Melvin Perry, Arthur Vernon, Frank

Caradonna, William Hurlly, Nelson Lumley, Jack Virga, Richard Heddy, Charles Van Hook, John J. Scully, and Krank Knoddel.

Thomas Armstrong, treasurer of the Fusion Party, was named water agent to fill the place of Myles Maratene who resigned in January.

Councilman John J. Carlin opposed the appointment and said a 5-year term at no salary was not

Three residents spoke at the meeting of the Waldwick Mayor and Borough Council last night. Miss Mildred E. Beidelman of Franklin Turnpike complained of dogs' running at large. This was referred to Councilman Stevenson's police committee.

Thomas Martin, a former marshal, said he had never been given any police equipment other than a ticket book, and said if the town wanted that it could have it—unused.

William Vander Els of John Dow Avenue asked officials what their zoning policy is, and Mayor Reilly explained residents of the street feel the zoning ordinance is being violated and felt it was a matter for the Board of Adjustment.

to his liking. Carlin said that while Hilton now will serve at \$1 a year it might be more next year. Attorney Gaeta said the salary of \$1 could only be changed by ordinance.

### MARATENE OFFERS LETTER

As the meeting was breaking up Maratene appeared and gave Mayor Reilly a letter which the mayor read. Maratene said he understood the two had seen some one who had a relative, a Methodist Bishop, who would be contacted to work through the local church to "correct the corruption in Waldwick".

Both Hilton and Kerr said they went to New York to the Civil Liberties Union to see if they could aid Maratene, then under fire of the September Term Bergen County Grand Jury.

### BATTLE OVER HILTON

Naming Thomas Hilton, president of the Waldwick Fusion Party to a 5-year term as recorder, precipitated an argument that continued after the meeting.

Mayor John J. Reilly opposed Hilton's appointment and alleged that Hilton consulted a New York Methodist Bishop, who urged him

Mrs. Rose Ardyone complained to the Waldwick Mayor and Borough Council last night that she felt ceiling prices are being violated in Borough stores.

She said one person is charged more for an item than another, and that to get what is justly due one has to "shout".

Mayor John J. Reilly referred to D. Frank Workman, commander of the Civilian Defense Council, saying the defense group has a committee to investigate—or should have—such complaints.

to come to Waldwick and through the Methodist Church there to influence politics. The Mayor said Hilton went to New York with James F. Kerr and Tax Collector Myles Maratene.

It was a lie, said Hilton.

Mayor John J. Reilly vetoed two resolutions, one that provided for payment of telephone service to various officials, and the second, salaries to office holders. Both vetoes were ordered filed.

The four Fusion Party Councilmen passed by a 4 to 2 vote another salary provision as an ordinance.

Salaries are: Attorney, \$100 and fees; collector, \$1,200; clerk, \$750; auditor, \$500 general, \$50 water department; tax searcher, 25 per cent of fees; municipal building custodian, \$650; water agent, \$400; pool operator, \$15 a week when the pool is open; assessor, \$850; general utility man, \$1,800; assistant utility man, \$1,500; laborers, 60 cents an hour; Chief Marshal, \$480 a year; marshals, 55 cents an hour; Recorder, \$1 a year; engineer, fees; plumber, fees; building inspector, fees. Hearing on the ordinance was set for February 19.

# \$3,500 Damage To Municipal Bldg. In Fire At Waldwick

West Portion of Building Was  
Damaged in Early Morning  
Blaze on Monday 4/23/42

Fire One Year Ago  
Did \$15,000 Damage

Both Blazes Were Discovered  
At About the Same Hour in  
the Morning

The Waldwick Municipal building was damaged by another fire of undetermined origin early Monday morning, exactly one year and ten days after the serious blaze which gutted the fire headquarters in the east wing and resulted in about \$15,000 damage. The fire on Monday morning started in the Council Room, traveled up the partition and caused damage in the office of Collector Myles Maratene, which is directly above.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. T. W. Fisher, of East Prospect street, who said that she had been awake for the greater part of the night caring for her ailing husband. She reported that she had been aroused by two men talking loudly near the Municipal building at about midnight. Later she said she heard voices again and saw two men standing near a car in the Municipal building driveway.

At about 4:20 she saw flames reflected on the ceiling of Collector Maratene's office and informed her neighbor, Mrs. Jacob Weber, who telephoned the alarm to the Allendale Telephone Central office. The operator on duty notified former Chief William R. Evans, who started the automatic alarm system, one master control of which is located in his home. The first alarm was given at 4:23 a. m.

Fire Chief William O. Cutler said the flames, which had started in the left and right corners of the council room, had gained a great deal of headway before the blaze was discovered. As a result, the partition was badly charred, damage was done in the office of Collector Maratene, although he reported that none of his records were saved.

The Defense Council headquarters on the first floor were charred and suffered water damage, but all of the papers were removed safely by Local Chairman James W. Kerr. The short hall from the council room to the main hall was also charred. The Baby Keep Well Station in the emergency squad room on the second floor was damaged by water and smoke. Mrs. Frederick H. Frank reported that material for small blankets to be made for the Red Cross, which was stored in the police room, was damaged by water.

A tentative estimate of damage was made by insurance company adjusters, accompanied by C. L. Hargert, of Ridgewood, whose firm writes the insurance on the building, on Monday afternoon. Hargert said that he believes that the damage will be about \$3,500.

Waldwick's three past and the present fire chiefs made an inspection of the building and reported that they were unable to determine the cause of the blaze. Defective wiring was not the cause, former Chief Sylvester Marinelli, an electrician, said.

Others to concur in the verdict were Chief William O. Cutler, former Chiefs William R. Evans and John Shuman, Jr.

The theory that the men seen talking by Mrs. Fisher might have been responsible for the blaze was exploded when it was learned that they were members of the police department.

The door to the building was locked and firemen had to force the door to gain entrance.

Fire Chief John Miller of Ho-Ho-Kus offered the aid of his department, which was accepted.

Borough Clerk Charles A. Bearce and Sgt. Russell Litchult reported that records of the clerk and police department were damp but could still be used.

## Bomb Demonstration

4/25/42  
James W. Kerr, commander-in-chief of the defense council has announced there will be a bomb demonstration by the defense council on the grounds of the old school house on Franklin turnpike on Monday evening at 10 o'clock to which the public is invited. The police department and fire department will co-operate. Two bombs are to be burned, the idea is to show how an incendiary should be handled. The defense councils of Ridgewood and Saddle River will attend the demonstration.

## Incendiary Bombs Given By Council

4/30/42  
Three Bombs Were Ignited and  
Methods of Combatting  
Flames Were Shown

The Local Defense Council, under the direction of James W. Kerr, commander in chief, staged a successful demonstration on handling an incendiary bomb, on Monday evening on the site of the old grammar school on Franklin turnpike. The fire alarm was sounded at 10 o'clock and the fire department responded to the alarm, to make everything realistic.

There were three bombs to be set off, the first was allowed to burn out to demonstrate the length of time it would burn. The second was ignited and the firemen went into action; a fine spray of water was used to wet the ground around the bomb and the stream was played directly on the bomb, finally the Indian tank was used and that was successful in extinguishing the flames. The third bomb was then set off and sand was placed around it on the ground, and covered over it, the bomb was then scooped up with a shovel and plunged into the pail of sand where it was smothered.

The police department was on hand to keep the crowd outside the chalked circle for safety. Representatives of Ridgewood and Saddle River were present and with Mr. Kerr announced the demonstration a success.

## Give Demonstration 5/3/42 Of Incendiary Bombs

More than 200 were present at the old school grounds when a demonstration of incendiary bombs was given by the Civilian Defense council in cooperation with the fire department, with Chairman James W. Kerr in charge. The fire department responded to a general alarm and had a circle formed on the grounds where four bombs were demonstrated. The first was completely burned, the second was handled with a fine spray, the third with sand, and the fourth was dumped in a pail with sand beneath and above it. Mr. Kerr said the demonstration was arranged to show methods of how to handle the bombs and practices to be avoided. He praised the fire department for its work saying it was the men's first contact with the bombs. Delegations from the Saddle River and Ridgewood Defense Councils were on hand for the demonstration.

## Kerr to Lecture On War Gas and Effects

A series of lectures on War Gases and their effects will begin tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Waldwick municipal building. The speaker will be James W. Kerr, of Dora avenue.

This is an open meeting for everyone whether in Civilian Defense or not, and all are urged to attend. Osborne Hoebee, sub-chairman of the First Aid in Waldwick would like to have all persons in Civilian Defense First Aid attend the meeting as it is part of their training, also under new state ruling all American Red Cross arm bands issued to First Aiders must be returned as soon as possible and new one will be issued when they arrive.

## Explains Gas Warfare



JAMES W. KERR

New material, including the latest developments in the Army theory of combatting chemical warfare has been received by James W. Kerr, former defense council commander in Waldwick. Kerr gave his first lecture Thursday night at the Municipal Building and will present the second on Thursday night of this week. The opening lecture dealt with gas warfare, its importance in civilian defense, and the methods of identification.

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## Waldwick Municipal

### WALDWICK

## Kerr Chides Boro For Apathy Toward Defense Activities

Just criticism toward the apathetic conduct of the residents of the borough was the subject of much discussion at the mass meeting called by James W. Kerr, commander-in-chief of the Civilian Defense Council on Tuesday evening in the municipal building.

Eighty persons including the members of the defense council attended "out of a possible 3,300," Kerr stated.

"The purpose of the defense council is to prepare people for whatever may come, and the surrounding towns are not alert enough," said Chairman Kerr. The staff for records are messengers to five zones, and drivers who can get to any point in the shortest time, and must be trained men."

Chairmen of the various committees were introduced: Fire Chief William Cutler for the fire department; D. Frank Workman, head of auxiliary fire department; Police Chief Frank C. Holley, Sr., in charge of police and police reserves; William R. Evans, chief air raid warden; Osborne Hoebee, first aid instructor, to work with the emergency medical division; Dr. S. E. Robinson, in charge of emergency medical division; Vernon Y. Bush, chairman, demolition squad; Ellsworth Marks, sub-chairman; Councilman Matthew M. Feeley, chairman of communications; Lewis Thompson, sub-chairman; Horace Stevenson, complete charge of all records; Charles Jackson, and John Scully, transport officers; Scout Arthur Rose, first messenger; Herman George Honig and James J. McQuilken, public relations directors.

Executive officers with Kerr are Arthur Holly, executive officer in absence of Kerr, James Gary to act as controller. Kerr stated he had arranged with the Erie Railroad that in case of failure of the fire siren sounding the alarm for a blackout that the siren in the railroad yard could be used.

Air Raid Warden Evans announced that he now had the official air raid warning cards. A receipt must be signed when receiving one. These cards must be placed near the kitchen exit, failure to do so is subject to a fine.

comment in the Art Digest for May 15, 1942. This is a magazine with national circulation.

The Montclair exhibition will open today and continue to November 28.

Commander in chief James W. Kerr, of the Civil Defense Council, reported the Blue Signal received from the Army Interceptor Command by the air raid telephonic system. All members of the Civil Defense Council were notified immediately and all were on the alert. The school the Meadox Mill, and the Orvil Hotel were all notified at once; the alert came at 11:30, and the all-clear at 11:36 a. m. Kerr also wishes to remind the residents of the borough that we are to have an unannounced blackout very shortly. 3/21/42

## Defense Council Seeks Volunteers For Home Duty

### Questionnaire Covers Experience of Both Men and Women for Emergency Duty

The Waldwick Defense Council of which James W. Kerr is the chairman, have issued a questionnaire for volunteer workers to assist with all departments of the council, each volunteer being allowed to select the department for which he is best suited and for which he can give the most service. All application blanks can be received from Postmaster James McQuilken at the Post Office.

James E. Conklin filled out the first application blank yesterday afternoon as soon as they were printed, and was closely followed by Pasquale Chiappetta. The questionnaire is as follows: Volunteer Home Defense: questionnaire for voluntary service, male and female.

Name, home address, phone—home number and business number, present occupation, business address, age, physical condition, most convenient to serve, day or night.

In which of the following groups are you most qualified to serve? A, air patrol; B, fire department auxiliary; C, police; D, communications; E, transportations; and F, hospital, nursing, or other medical training. Have you other qualifications not listed above which would aid Volunteer Home Duty Please list.

Both men and women should answer this question: Any prior military or naval experiences? Give details. Do you own any firearms, shotguns, rifle, or pistol? What foreign languages do you speak, if any? Have you a short or long wave transmitter? Have you had experience as interpreter? Do you own a car or truck Followed by your signature.

All questionnaires may be obtained at the Post Office and are to be returned to the Waldwick Defense Council, Box A, Waldwick, N. J.

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## Bids Received For Building Job

### Waldwick Council Votes Audit Money

The Waldwick Borough Council received bids at its meeting Friday night for repairs to be made to the Municipal Building caused by the fire on April 20. Only three bids, one covering each of the three phases of work to be done, were received. The bids, which totalled approximately \$5,911, were referred to the architect and committee by the Council for investigation.

John Van Hull of Ho-Ho-Kus was the bidder on the plumbing work, offering to do the job for \$120. Busch and Sons, Inc., of Englewood asked \$490 for making electrical repairs. John De Beer of Ridgefield, who received the \$15,000 contract for repairing damage by the fire which occurred on April 10, 1941, bid \$5,300 for masonry, carpentry and painting work.

#### \$2,500 For Auditor

A resolution authorizing an emergency note, not in excess of \$2,500, was passed by the Council as the result of action taken up at a special meeting on the matter of the stolen records of Tax Collector Myles Maratene. This money is to cover the cost of rebuilding the records.

In order to gain the use of the water power in the Borough Lake, the Council wrote to the Pitts Water Wheel Company to ask advice and recently received information describing changes in the plumbing station which would make the use of the lake possible.

Of the two recommendations made, one was estimated at more than \$8,000, without including the cost of installation. Because it was impossible to secure prices, the cost of the second recommendation was not estimated. The committee will investigate the matter pending any action.

President of the Board of Health James W. Kerr suggested that the swimming pool remain closed for the summer because of the inability to obtain chlorine for purifying the water. However, Councilman Henry Van Hull replied that the pool had been opened and he added that the purification of

## Waldwick Bond and Stamp Booth



Mrs. Charles E. Opdyke, (above, right) chairman of the war-time committee of the Waldwick PTA, is pleased with the cooperation given by the public in making the Memorial Day sale of stamps and bonds a huge success. Mrs. Opdyke announces that \$103 war savings stamps and ten bonds were sold. Mrs. Jack Virga, (left) assisted at the sale. Inasmuch as the public school will be closed for the summer vacation, Mrs. Opdyke and Mrs. Virga, will continue to sell stamps and bonds throughout the summer and anyone wishing to purchase any may contact either one.

the water had been attended to.

A letter was received from the fire department asking that the telephone in the fire house be reserved for that department. As the situation is now, the telephone has an extension to the police room and any calls coming through cause much confusion. The letter was referred to the committee which will study the problem.

Application of Everett J. Wilson for status as exempt fireman was approved, and Clarence Hopper was accepted for active membership.

The Council received a letter from District Clerk Edward R. Pfizner requesting the cancellation of the bill of \$100 to the Board of Education for the use of water in the Public School. He pointed out that County Superintendent of Schools Roy R. Zimmerman had decided that since the water was owned by the Borough, the School Board should not have to make any payment.

Six places of business renewed their liquor licenses at \$250 each, making a total of \$1,500 received by the Council.

## Kerr Will Take Defense Course

### Council Head to Take Instruction in Civil Protection at Amherst College 6/11/42

Local Civil Defense Council Chairman James W. Kerr, will take a two weeks course at the Civil Protection school at Amherst College, Mass., which is conducted under the auspices of the War Department, for ten days duration, starting June 15.

Only 15 members of Local Defense Councils are selected by the Regional Office of Civilian Defense in New York City to take this course. These four subjects are to be covered; first, methods of fighting fire caused by incendiary bombs; second, war gas protection and decontamination; third, protection against explosive bombs; fourth, training and instruction methods. Upon completion of the course, Kerr will form local classes of instructions, who in turn will instruct local classes.

Mr. Kerr is donating his own time on this course and receives no recompense.

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Air Raid Precaution  
School To Be Opened  
By Defense Council

The Waldwick Civilian Defense Council have made arrangements to organize air raid precaution classes in the public school, which will be open to all residents of the community, and to residents in the neighboring communities who are interested. The air raid precaution school will be organized under the instructions and the direction of James W. Kerr of Dora avenue, Waldwick Defense Council commander who has just graduated from a course given by the Army at Amherst College. These classes will be organized to instruct the civilians in protective precautions and devices against gas bombing.

The main purpose of the classes is to instruct the public against the fear of war gases and to provide them with information of self-protection and also to instruct them in preparing protective devices. The classes will also instruct in the method of fighting incendiary bombs and resulting fires. Commander Kerr stated in reference to gas protection and decontamination that the Army instructions were to expect gas bombing and that fatalities only occur from such bombings where protective methods against them are ignored.

The third part of the course will be instructions for protection against explosive bombs. The Waldwick chairman after spending 65 hours in class work and an additional 30 hours in night study announced that he will begin immediately to organize these classes.

Commander Kerr said he hopes to get a nucleus of men and women capable in turn of taking classes of their own. Army officials he said, cautioned that persons who ignore the opportunity of learning things for their own protection will be the sufferers if disaster should come in any form.

Registrations for the classes will be received by Second Comdr. Arthur L. Holly at the Waldwick Control Center, corner of Prospect street and Walter Hammond place. The classes will be limited to 30 members each and length of the course has not yet been determined. Registrants will be assigned to these classes in the order of receipt of all applications by the council.

KERR QUILTS JOB  
AS WALDWICK'S  
DEFENSE CHIEF

Resigns Defense Council  
And Health Board  
Too, He Says

MEETS WITH MAYOR

James W. Kerr, civilian defense commander and president of the Waldwick Board of Health, announced his resignation from both posts late yesterday afternoon following a discussion with Mayor John J. Reilly.

Kerr declined to amplify his announcement but indicated he would issue a statement within the next few days. He is completely severing his connections with both agencies, he said.

Kerr said that Arthur Holly and James Gary, deputy commanders of the Defense Council, also are resigning. Gary could not be reached. Holly said last night that he had relinquished his office as assistant to the commander, but still was a member of the Defense Council.

Reilly said that the resignation was evidently the result of a disagreement between himself and Kerr over the manner in which some of the Defense Council committee chairmen have been functioning.

"Kerr asked for appointment of several new men as members of the Defense Council," the Mayor said. "I told him that when I named the original board I had done so without thought of politics, placing both Republicans and Democrats on the Council according to the needs of the various committees. These men should be able to do the job if properly handled. I told Kerr I didn't think he could handle the men and didn't propose to name any new ones."

His conversation with Kerr took place over the telephone, Reilly added and Kerr ended by saying he wanted to come to the Mayor's home to present his resignation. When the defense chairman arrived at the Reilly residence, the Mayor said, Police Chief Frank C. Holley and Postmaster James McQuilken Jr., members of the Defense Council, were there.

The four officials went into a discussion, and before Kerr left he had resigned his post, Reilly said.

"I instructed McQuilken to call a meeting of the Defense Council as soon as possible," the Mayor continued, "and asked him to serve as temporary chairman at the meeting until the members of the Council could elect a new permanent chairman."

Kerr Statement  
Tells Reasons for  
His Resignation

Former Defense Council Head  
Charges That Politics Was  
Cause of Friction in  
Council

In a statement issued over the week-end James W. Kerr, who recently resigned as chairman of the Local Defense Council, charged political protection has superseded civilian protection in the Defense Council set-up.

The statement apparently answered charges which have caused the friction between the former chairman and some of the members of the Council, for Kerr denied that he had not exhibited leadership and cited as proof that he has just been certified as an Air Protection Instructor by the War Department and also that he has been asked by the State Office of Civilian Defense to reconsider his resignation.

Referring to charges of "abuse" of the fire siren, he said that official regulations from the Office of Civilian Defense prescribe that the Air Raid Warning Signal be tested on Saturdays at noon.

"Your fire siren, Waldwick's only air raid siren alarm signal is vitally and sadly in need of repairs. It is not audible to all the people of Waldwick," the statement continued.

He also criticized the Borough Officials for not providing the Defense Council with its own telephone, charging that he had been forced to use his own phone to make calls in connection with work of the Defense Council. He also stressed the inconvenience of the temporary quarters set up in the Arthur Holly Service Station.

He closed his statement by expressing his appreciation to individuals and organizations for the cooperation which had been given him.

# Waldwick Council Plans To Appoint Health Officer

## Dr. Sherman K. Foote Resigns, Twin is Named New Policy Adopted for Auditorium Use

No provision was made for the payment of a health officer's salary in the Waldwick budget for 1941, at the meeting of the Mayor and Council of that borough Friday night. A request to set aside \$200 for this was received by letter from Mrs. Richard Young, secretary of the health board and was backed by James W. Kerr, president of that board.

Mr. Kerr stated that Dr. Sherman K. Foote, of Wyckoff, could be secured as health officer. Kerr stated that the physician is holding similar positions in other municipalities and he understood it was mandatory for a municipality to have a health officer. Mayor John J. Reilly stated that since the budget had already been made up he did not wish the item included unless it was absolutely necessary, but that if the State Health Department should order such an appointment provision would be made for the salary in an emergency item.

The health board's appropriation was reduced also, from \$300 to \$260. Of this amount Mrs. Young will receive \$165 as her salary and the remaining \$175 will be for current expenses. Last year the appropriation was \$250 and the actual expenses \$288, the sum of \$44 having been

ning at 8 o'clock in the Public School auditorium. Mrs. William Riches, chairman of the program committee, will present a play, "The Blinds," with a number of children in the cast.

A games and card party will follow the program, the proceeds to be used toward the organization's milk fund. There will be prizes and refreshments. Mrs. George Christman Jr., and Mrs. Herman George Honig are in charge of the party; with Mrs. F. S. Kummer in charge of refreshments.

# President of Health Board

## Dr. Foote Again Health Officer

At the organization meeting of the Waldwick Board of Health, held Monday evening, James W. Kerr was elected president. Daniel J. Mackerley, who was president for several years, refused to serve again. He has just been reappointed to the health board together with Matthew F. Feeley and explained that he could not always be present on time to open the meetings, because of other connections. John J. Scully was elected vice-president.

Dr. Silas E. Robinson was selected as medical advisor and William E. Sime was named sanitary inspector. Mrs. Richard Young will continue as clerk and registrar.

It was decided to endeavor to have Dr. Sherman K. Foote, of Wyckoff to serve as health officer and \$200 was placed in the budget for his salary. His appointment must be confirmed by the Borough Council.

The budget for the year, exclusive of the health officer's salary was fixed at \$300.

# Kerr Re-elected As Health Board Head

James W. Kerr was re-elected as president of the Waldwick board of health at the organization meeting on Monday evening in the municipal building. John J. Scully was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Richard M. Young, was re-appointed as clerk of vital statistics and secretary. Mrs. George Hamilton of Harrison avenue was seated as a new member.

Mrs. Young read her annual report as clerk of vital statistics, and Miss Helen I. Schaeffer read her monthly report. Invitations were received from the State Board of Health and also the Bergen County Health Association to attend special meetings.

# BOARD UPHOLDS HEALTH OFFICIAL

## Rabies Report Received 4 Days After Bite

Protest by William H. Meade of Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, to the effect that his wife, bitten by a rabid dog 2 months ago, received inconsiderate treatment from James W. Kerr, president of the Waldwick Board of Health, was discussed last night when the Board held its monthly meeting at the Municipal Building.

Meade's letter was directed to the Borough Council at a recent meeting and referred to the Health Board. The latter body took the attitude last night that the report from Bergen Pines on the rabid condition of the dog was received 4 days after Mrs. Meade had been bitten, and that Kerr's efforts to get Mrs. Meade to the hospital for treatment as quickly as possible was in the best interests of Mrs. Meade and the community at large.

Meade's bill of \$42 for rabies treatments, which was enclosed with the letter, was referred back to the Council. The Health Board advised that the Council consult Borough Attorney Jerome Kennedy to determine whether or not the municipality is responsible for payment of the bill. The Board doubted that this was so.

Report of Kerr and John J. Scully on a recent inspection of the Borough swimming pool showed conditions there to be generally satisfactory, although the report did state that the cover for the purified at the pool was not in good condition.

The Board received a laboratory report from Bergen Pines on the condition of the water in the swimming pool showing it to be well above the standard.

Mrs. Richard Young, registrar of vital statistics, reported one case of scarlet fever and three cases of mumps during the month. Wilbert E. Sime, sanitary inspector, stated that the quarantine period on the scarlet fever case had been terminated.

Mrs. Cornelia Custance, child hygiene nurse, presented her report for the first half of the year, covering the 6 months from January to June.

# BOARD RENAMES KERR CHAIRMAN

## Waldwick Health Officials Reorganize

James W. Kerr was re-elected president of the Waldwick Board of Health at the 1942 organization meeting of the Board held Monday night at the Municipal Building. John J. Scully was named as vice-president, succeeding Daniel J. Mackerley.

Dr. S. E. Robinson was again named medical advisor, and Mrs. Richard Young was re-appointed clerk and registrar for another 3-year term.

Mrs. Young's report as registrar for 1941 showed 251 cases of communicable disease, of which 141 were measles, and 51 mumps. Also listed in the report were 42 births, 20 marriage licenses issued, and 19 deaths.

Mrs. George Hamilton was seated as a new member of the Board, replacing Councilman Matthew F. Feeley who resigned his post to become a member of the Borough Council. A delegation headed by Councilman John J. Carlin, was present to honor Mrs. Hamilton, and Councilman Carlin presented the new member with a basket of flowers. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Wilbert E. Sime were named as delegates to the annual meeting of public health officials February 6 at Trenton.

# Health Board Elects J. W. Kerr

## Succeeds Daniel J. Mackerley As President; Many Other Officers Re-elected

James W. Kerr, of Dora avenue, was elected president of the Waldwick Board of Health at its organization meeting on Monday evening, succeeding Daniel J. Mackerley, who declined re-election due to business duties. John J. Scully was elected vice-president, succeeding Matthew J. Feeley; Dr. S. E. Robinson was re-appointed medical advisor; and Wilbert S. Sime, sanitary investigator. Mrs. Richard Young, who is registrar of vital statistics and clerk of the Board of Health, still has another year to run on the three-year appointment.

It was decided to try and secure Dr. Sherman K. Foote of Wyckoff as health officer, since that place is now vacant due to the removal from town of Dr. Richard A. Rose, and to secure the council's approval for this office. The budget was adopted with \$300 for current expenses and an additional \$200 for the health officer. Mrs. Young was given instructions on filling out the board's defense questionnaire.

*these were un-dated & no source given -*

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**Mayor Reilly Says  
Kerr Resignation Has  
Political Background**

James W. Kerr, chairman of the Local Defense Council and president of the Board of Health, announced as he tendered his resignations to both posts on Wednesday afternoon, "I have removed myself completely from the borough administration in Waldwick."

He promised to issue a statement clarifying his position at a later date, possibly over the week-end. Asked if he would continue as instructor of the class of defense workers who wish to study methods of combatting fires caused by incendiary bombs, and other related subjects covered during the course at Amherst College, he said that he intended to give the people of Waldwick every opportunity to protect themselves during a raid, and he is the only one in the borough who has had the advantage of attending the course.

Mayor John J. Reilly said that the action had a political background. He also said that Kerr had charged that several members of the local defense council, had not performed their duties, and had failed to co-operate with him. The mayor said that the defense council chairman had asked the resignations of the three men.

The mayor said that he had queried the three council members on the charges and had been informed by Police Chief Frank C. Holley that Kerr has superseded him as head of the police reserves and had appointed some men to that force who were under investigation by the FBI as Nazi sympathizers.

The mayor said the other men had been performing their duties on schedule. Mayor Reilly said that he will refer the resignation as chairman of the local defense council to the borough council at the next session. He named Postmaster James J. McQuilken to take charge of the defense work pending the designation of Kerr's successor.

Principal D. Frank Workman, who is also president of the fire department, was unanimously elected to succeed Kerr at the meeting Wednesday night of the local defense council, which was attended by 18 members. Vice-Commander Arthur Holly with Fire Chief William O. Cutler will be in charge of the auxiliary firemen; Police Chief Holley will be in charge of the auxiliary policemen.

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James W. Kerr of Dora avenue gave an interesting disclosure on gases and incendiary bombs at the first aid class of the Civil Defense Council which met in the municipal building on Thursday evening. Mr. Kerr has taken the Army course at Amherst College on gases and incendiary bombs, and is a qualified instructor.

**Kerr Quits Defense Council  
Resigns From Board of Health**

**Waldwick Stirred  
By Newest Clash,  
Workman Chairman**

Just as though Waldwick has not had enough excitement lately, over one thing or another, including fires, theft of records, and even a carnival, a clash between the commander of the Civilian Defense forces, James W. Kerr, and the administration has occurred. As a result of this Mr. Kerr has resigned as a member of the Board of Health, as Commander of local defense and as chairman of the Defense Council. He blames interference, lack of cooperation on the part of the Mayor and Council, and the apathy of citizens in general in the matter of defense.

Recently Kerr returned from Amherst, Mass., where he took a course in civilian defense instruction and announced that he was ready to start classes of thirty each, and to instruct them in protecting themselves against gas bombs, incendiary bombs and explosive bombs. He states that he immediately found opposition with the exception, perhaps, that the use of the public school was offered him for his work.

The matter came up on Wednesday night when Kerr decided to ask Mayor John J. Reilly to remove three men from the Defense Council because they failed to function. He asked for the appointment of new members who would function. Kerr asked to see the Mayor at his home but when he got there found that Police Chief Frank C. Holley and Postmaster James McQuilken Jr. had arrived before him. Kerr resigned from the Board of Health at the time, and also as defense commander. In the evening he tendered his resignation as chairman of the defense council at a meeting held in Holley's service station.

Mayor Reilly named McQuilken temporary chairman to preside at the meeting and while it was in progress Kerr came in to present his resignation, leaving immediately. The resignation of Mr. Kerr was accepted by the Council, the only member present refusing to cast a vote against him being William Evans, who was willing to admit that Kerr's criticism of himself was correct for he had not functioned properly. Dr. Silas E. Robinson, while voting to accept the resignation, stated that he believed Kerr had done some good work and was sincere in all his efforts. It seemed the consensus that Kerr frequently performed duties himself which he should have left to the chairmen he had named.

D. Frank Workman was elected chairman to succeed Kerr.

It was stated that several meetings had been called by Kerr at which only one or two showed up and it was impossible to do anything. Mayor Reilly said he had told Kerr he regarded him as incapable of handling the job properly. Kerr claims his work was deliberately obstructed.

Kerr's opinion on these matters is contained in his statement published herewith:

**Kerr's Statement**

A statement to the People of Waldwick:

"The Fourth of July marks the 209th day since Pearl Harbor. The freedom loving people of Waldwick deserve a truthful explanation of why I have resigned as Commander and chairman of the Waldwick Defense Council.

"The reluctance of citizens to enter activity in Civilian Defense before Pearl Harbor is understandable. Since December 7th, 1941, the response in

Waldwick was overwhelming with over 700 voluntary workers listed for some form of active duty. What has happened?

"Mayor John J. Reilly, postmaster James J. McQuilken, Frank C. Holley, chief of police, and Councilman Matthew Feeley will tell you this: They will say that I do not exhibit leadership. The truth is:

"The War Department has just certified me as an Air Raid Protection Instructor. The State office of Civilian Defense at Jersey City, a branch of the office at Trenton, has asked me to reconsider my resignation.

"Mr. McQuilken 'accuses' me of holding a Civilian Defense meeting at the American Legion Hut. The truth is: Since when has it been a violation of the regulations of the Office of Civilian Defense or the American Legion to hold a public meeting for emergency protection in an American Legion Hut? Thru its veterans of the World War No. 1, the American Legion started the Air Raid Warning Patrol System, subsequently used by the Office of Civilian Defense to protect the civilian population.

"They will say that I refused to give out arm bands with official insignia at the Mayor's order. The truth is: If they had read the regulations and instructions they would have found that the regulations state the following—'. . . Insignia are restricted in use to those enrolled trained Civilian Defense workers entitled to use the respective insignia by their enrollment and successful completion of prescribed training courses' (From the United States Citizens Defense Corps book—page 30, published by the Office of Civilian Defense).

"They will tell you that I kept repeating instructions at Defense meetings. The truth is: Mr. McQuilken suggested that Civilian Defense meetings in Waldwick be held once a month only. Is this American Preparedness, or is it another example of 'Too Little and Too Late?'

"The Mayor will tell you that I am personally responsible for the 'abuse' of the fire siren. The truth is: The official regulations from the Office of Civilian Defense prescribes that the Air Raid Warning signal be tested Saturday at noon. Does everyone in Waldwick, including the Mayor, know the Air Raid Warning signal? It is still possible to confuse it with the regular fire alarm. Your fire siren—Waldwick's only air raid siren alarm signal—is vitally and sadly in need of repairs. It is not audible to all the people of Waldwick.

"The Mayor himself assured me that \$300.00 was made available to the Fire and Police Commissioner, Mr. Feeley, for such repairs. I am asking Mr. Feeley if he intends to have the fire siren repaired after the war is over or after we have lost our rights as a free people? What would they suggest that Waldwick do in case of an air raid or gas attack?

"They will tell you that the telephone used by the police as an extension of the fire department's only telephone is all that is necessary in the way of communications that the Defense office or Civilian Defense Control room requires. The truth is: Instead of a telephone, I was offered a key to the police room. The key was never forthcoming.

"The Mayor and Council have not provided a telephone for the control room of the Civilian Defense Office. The expenses of all necessary outgoing telephone calls have been born by myself, using my own home telephone. Speed in a crisis demands quick action. From my home to the Municipal Building is quite a dis-

tance. Much damage can be done in a delay.

"Since the fire in the Municipal Building, (the more recent one), a temporary office and control room has been set up in the Service Station of Arthur Holly. With the inconveniences of a 5c slot machine telephone, the last blackout on June 1, was registered as 99 per cent successful. The only major violation was the use of headlights and excessive speed by a regular member of the Police Department.

"The interest of the Mayor and Council in your defense can be measured by the following incident: At an open Council meeting of the Borough I asked for 5 valve wrenches so that the water could be controlled quickly in case of an enemy damaged main. I was told by Mayor Reilly, in a derisive way, that one wrench was available, and in his opinion, he could see no reason why any more wrenches need be made at the taxpayers expense. Subsequently, the Defense Council, out of its limited budget of \$150.00 had four wrenches made at the ridiculous sum of \$7.00.

"They will say that the Police Department has always had a well organized and trained police auxiliary. The truth is: Not one member of the Police Department has had Civilian Defense Training outside of First Aid work.

"They will say that I used Civilian Defense for furthering politics opposed to Mayor Reilly. (No politics are used where Mayor Reilly is concerned) The truth is: Charles Opdyke brought me a petition which he asked me to sign. This petition referred to the recent Police Carnival. I signed the petition gladly, and would do so again. Since when is a citizen denied the right of petition?

"I wish to thank the people of Waldwick for the support and generous cooperation I have received as Commander. I wish to thank also the members of the Civilian Defense Council, both men and women, who have given so generously and unstintingly of their time and efforts. I am grateful to those members of the fire and police departments and of civic, religious, service, business and educational organizations for their work in Civilian Defense. I wish to thank especially those foreign born residents of Waldwick who love the land of their adoption and are willing to protect it without fear of political threat.

"Many of the people of Waldwick have loved ones in the armed forces of the United States. You, who have, know what these boys are sacrificing to give us protection. I trust some way may be found to impress upon your municipal leaders the need for Civilian Protection on the home front, as the imminence of danger increases day by day from air raids or gas bombings.

"I am resigning as Commander and Chairman and as a member of the Waldwick Civilian Defense Council because Political Protection supersedes Civilian Protection.

"JAMES W. KERR."

**Gas Lecture Course  
Opens This Evening**

A series of lectures on War Gases and their effects will begin this evening at 8:30 at the Municipal building. The speaker will be James W. Kerr. This is an open meeting for everyone, whether in Civilian Defense or not. Osborne Hoebe, sub-chairman of First Aid in Waldwick, would like to have all persons in Civilian Defense First Aid attend as it is part of their training. Under a new State ruling all American Red Cross arm bands issued to all First Aiders, must be returned as soon as possible and new ones will be passed out when they arrive.

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# Waldwick Dips Down for \$2,000 More for Restoring Records

## End Not in Sight, 'Surprise Bill' Paid

That the people of Waldwick will not know how much the rebuilding of the stolen tax records is going to cost them before the job is finished, became apparent at the meeting of the Mayor and Council last Friday evening, when another emergency note for \$2,000 was ordered issued to supplement the one for \$2,500 issued when the task was first undertaken by the auditor, Allen McBride.

Councilman John Carlin, chairman of the finance committee, expressed surprise when the situation was revealed, stating he thought the \$2,500 would cover it. Auditor McBride stated that Walter B. Darby, commissioner of municipal government, at Trenton, had ordered the rebuilding of the records and expressed the belief that Waldwick will be lucky if it does not cost \$7,500, for it must be remembered that many things are involved and records covering a five-year period must be re-established. He believed that the \$4,500 might cover the total cost although he was not too certain.

Councilman John Howe stated that it is not a question of what the borough wants to pay but what must be paid. The motion to issue the second emergency note was passed unanimously.

Another matter involving payment of "surprise" bills was brought up by Councilman Howe, who said he had suddenly been served with a bill for over \$300 for twenty-five meters. He did not know who had ordered them but said he was tired of having goods delivered to him first and signing orders afterwards. Mayor Reilly coincided with him in this, stating that is not the way to do it and in the future, goods delivered like that should be sent back.

One ray of sunshine concerning the finances of the borough came in the form of a letter from the Board of Education thanking the Mayor and Council for having paid over to the school department the money necessary to operate the system and asking for another \$2,000.

Mayor Reilly reported that the Borough had been operated at \$1,300 less during the past year than the year previous, but that this fact did not appear in the figures published recently showing which boroughs had reduced and which had increased their expenses.

## James W. Kerr Asks Some Questions

Below is a communication from James W. Kerr of Waldwick, giving his views on the situation in that borough at the present time, so far as non-payment of taxes and the administration given the borough under the Reilly regime is concerned:

"To the people of Waldwick and the Editor of the Sunday News:

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Mr. McBride has a splendid reputation throughout Bergen County as an able municipal auditor and his statement is the kind of news a newspaper likes to print.

At a council meeting Friday night, his honor the Mayor is reported to have said that he hoped that this newspaper would be honest enough to print it. It takes more than honesty to print good news about Waldwick—it requires mighty good eyesight.

At this same meeting an emergency note for \$2,000 was ordered to add to the original \$2,500 toward the rebuilding of the absent borough tax books and the auditor is said to have remarked that in the opinion of Trenton experts that the final sum necessary might climb to \$7,500.

Newspaper honesty compels us too, to report that only 51.47 per cent of 1941 Waldwick taxes have been collected. This record of course has a very definite bearing on the tax rate for 1943. This should be valuable information for the fusion party in Waldwick to use in the coming election.

Life generally is not pleasant in "Reillyville" and an opportunity to print Auditor McBride's statement is an unusual privilege indeed for this newspaper.

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#### WALDWICK'S COSTS

Editor, The Sunday News,  
Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to the

editorial in the Sunday News, issue of September 27, 1942, regarding Municipal Costs as released by the New Jersey Taxpayers Association.

Why Waldwick figures were not given is beyond my comprehension, and I believe the reason for not including Waldwick can best be answered by the Taxpayers League as I am not in a position to speak for this organization.

Cost figures were available and still are available in the Borough of Waldwick and they could have been obtained from the Department of Local Government in spite of the fact that "somebody walked off with the Borough books."

For the records, let me state that

Waldwick is definitely one of the municipalities in the County of Bergen which has reduced the cost of administration, operation and maintenance in 1942. An analysis of costs shows that in 1941 the amount appropriated for this purpose was \$35,492 as compared with \$34,100 appropriated in 1942, a decrease of \$1,392.

I felt that you would be interested in knowing Waldwick's status from one who has a complete knowledge of the Borough's financial affairs.

ALLAN S. McBRIDE  
Borough Auditor

Waldwick.

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### Young Man In Waldwick Race

#### Henry A. Spies is Council Candidate

By entering Henry A. Spies in the race for Councilman, Waldwick's League for Independent Voters is literally injecting younger blood into the political arena of that town. He is



HENRY A. SPIES

running for a three-year term and is waging an aggressive campaign.

Spies is a Republican, an able speaker and thorough business man. He is the president of the Men's Community Club and was the prime mover in the establishment of the Public Library which now has some 2,000 books on its shelves. He is now chairman of the Library Trustees.

In the business world Mr. Spies is an insurance engineer and known for his ability as a clear thinker and his qualifications for grasping municipal problems. He is married, his wife being the former Julia Mae Howe for many years a resident of the borough. He is not a party politician and does not believe in candidates being picked by dictators. Also that businessmen should administer the municipal affairs and not vote seekers.

On the ticket with Mr. Spies is James W. Kerr and Edward F. Hopkins for Councilman, and William E. Ward for Mayor. Their platform sets forth that they wish to make Waldwick a community of which to be proud to eliminate the high cost of the borough's legal advice, to place the Recorder on a salary basis, to have no "absentee councilmen" and to give full value for every tax dollar.

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# Waldwick Dips Down for \$2,000 More for Restoring Records

## End Not in Sight, 'Surprise Bill' Paid

That the people of Waldwick will not know how much the rebuilding of the stolen tax records is going to cost them before the job is finished, became apparent at the meeting of the Mayor and Council last Friday evening, when another emergency note for \$2,000 was ordered issued to supplement the one for \$2,500 issued when the task was first undertaken by the auditor, Allen McBride.

Councilman John Carlin, chairman of the finance committee, expressed surprise when the situation was revealed, stating he thought the \$2,500 would cover it. Auditor McBride stated that Walter B. Darby, commissioner of municipal government, at Trenton, had ordered the rebuilding of the records and expressed the belief that Waldwick will be lucky if it does not cost \$7,500, for it must be remembered that many things are involved and records covering a five-year period must be re-established. He believed that the \$4,500 might cover the total cost although he was not too certain.

Councilman Kenneth Howe stated that it is not a question of what the borough wants to pay but what must be paid. The motion to issue the second emergency note was passed unanimously.

Another matter involving payment of "surprise" bills was brought up by Councilman Howe, who said he had suddenly been served with a bill for over \$300 for twenty-five meters. He did not know who had ordered them but said he was tired of having goods delivered to him first and signing orders afterwards. Mayor Reilly coincided with him in this, stating that is not the way to do it and in the future, goods delivered like that should be sent back.

One ray of sunshine concerning the finances of the borough came in the form of a letter from the Board of Education thanking the Mayor and Council for having paid over to the school department the money necessary to operate the system and asking for another \$2,000.

Mayor Reilly reported that the Borough had been operated at \$1,300 less during the past year than the year previous, but that this fact did not appear in the figures published recently showing which boroughs had reduced and which had increased their expenses.

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**Ward Heads Ticket Entered  
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**Kerr, Spies, And Hopkins File Petitions As Independent Candidates For Council Seats**

Organization of the Waldwick League of Independent Voters was disclosed last night with the filing of an independent ticket for the four major offices in the November General Election. Standard bearer of the new ticket is William E. Ward, Democratic member of the Borough Council.

**ENDORSES MARATENE**

Linked with Ward as candidates for the two 3-year terms on the Borough Council are James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies, while Edward F. Hopkins is the candidate for the 1-year unexpired term on the Council.

With the filing of the ticket the League announced that it was endorsing the candidacy for re-election of Myles Maratene to the office of Tax Collector.

Ward has served 7 years on the Council and is now in his third term of three years. He has frequently opposed the policies of Mayor John J. Reilly, Democrat, and differed over the issue of Charles F. Black of Ridgewood as Borough Attorney.

Kerr is the retiring commander of Walter Nightengale American Legion Post 57 of Waldwick, is the president of the Board of Health, and chairman of the Municipal Defense Council.

Spies is president of the Waldwick Men's Club, and it was during his administration and mainly through his efforts that the club inaugurated the Public Library.

**ISSUES STATEMENT**

Hopkins, active in real estate circles in Bergen County, has not been in public life in the Borough.

The statement issued last night by the League in connection with its ticket established the slogan of the organization as, "For Better Municipal Government". Formal election of officers of the League has not yet been held, so that the news of the ticket and its accompanying statement was issued by the organization as a whole.

Stress was placed upon the fact that the formation of the League was the result of a strong public demand for a change in the municipal government. Extensive plans for the enlistment of an organized membership drive and a militant campaign were also announced.

Issued as a statement accompanying the release of the ticket was the following: "The League feels that it is presenting one of the strongest tickets ever presented to the voters of Waldwick. These outstanding candidates are known for their interest in all civic activities, their administrative abilities, and their clear understanding of the problems which confront the people of Waldwick."

Establishment of a headquarters will be announced shortly, and regular meetings will be held from now until after election, it was said.

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**Waldwick Independents  
Out To Defeat Reilly**

**League Starts Off  
With Fine Enrollment**

When the voters of Waldwick go to the polls next election day, regardless of who is nominated at the Primaries this coming Tuesday, they will have three complete tickets from which to make their choice, for an active number of citizens have gotten behind Councilman William E. Ward and placed him in the race for Mayor to oppose both the present Democratic incumbent, who is seeking another term, and also against Charles E. Opydyke who has entered the race as the Republican candidate for Mayor. Both these will be nominated Tuesday, but a full independent ticket has been placed in the field to oppose them.

Ward has been on the board for seven years and has been an opponent of Mayor Reilly on matters of economy, particularly in the issue over Charles F. Black, former borough attorney.

Running with Ward on the ticket will be James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies for a three-year term and Edward F. Hopkins for the one-year unexpired term on the Council. The group has adopted the name "Waldwick League of Independent Voters" and already has a sizable active membership.

Kerr has been a member of the board of health for some time and is past commander of the Walter Nightengale Post of the American Legion. Spies is president of the Men's Club and was instrumental in establishing a library for Waldwick.

Many in Waldwick believe that the present regime has been too long in control of borough affairs and the League has adopted the slogan "For Better Municipal Government" and stresses the point that there has long been a demand for change. The following statement has been issued by the League:

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A headquarters is to be established and an election of officers will be held at an early date. Membership cards are being distributed and readily accepted, it is reported, and by the time election comes around, the club will have enough votes to hold the balance of power. Myles Maratene has been endorsed by the League for another term as tax collector.

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**Passaic Counties**

**WALDWICK**

**Independent Voters' League Selects  
William Ward As Mayoralty Candidate**

The League of Independent Voters has been organized by a group of citizens in the borough and have selected a full slate of candidates to oppose the candidates of the Republican and Democratic Clubs in the coming General Election in November.

They have selected as their candidate for mayor, Councilman William E. Ward, president of the council, who is serving his third term of three years on the council; and who has been in the employ of the Erie Railroad for the past 36 years; he is chief conductor of the Pavonia Division No. 490 Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors.

For the councilmanic positions for three years they selected: James W. Kerr and Henry A. Spies; Kerr is junior past commander of the Walter Nightengale Post, American Legion, chairman of the defense council, trustee of the public library; president of the former Property Owners' Association and a member of the Shade

Tree Commission; Spies is president of the Men's Community Club; for the councilmanic position for one year, they selected Edward W. Hopkins, who is associated in real estate in Bergen County.

Their slogan for the election is: For better municipal government. They believe this ticket to be one of the strongest tickets ever presented to the voters of Waldwick. These outstanding candidates are known for their interest in all civic activities; their administrative ability and clear understanding of the problems that confront the county committee posts; and league is endorsing Myles Maratene, for collector.

SEVENTEEN

# Fan Dancer Fans a Fanfare In Small Jersey Community

Special to the World-Telegram.

WALDWICK, N. J., June 12.—The appearance of Stella, a fan dancer, at a recent, police-sponsored carnival here has caused more excitement in this unpredictable Bergen County town of 3000 than the two attempts to burn down the Town Hall.

Even the theft of the township's tax books was forgotten today as up and down the main street, in grocery stores and the town's two taverns arguments raged over whether Stella exposed too much

of her epidermis during the week of May 18.

Opinion among the village burghers seemed to be that Stella had been too eager to live up to the legend "Have You Seen Stella?" which floated over her side-show tent. The boys in the taverns opposed this viewpoint, contending charitably that it is better "to live and let live."

Matthew F. Feeley, Commissioner of Police, said Stella appeared at the carnival during the

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week of May 18 as the Police Department attempted to raise money to buy equipment.

"Why is it," he wanted to know today, "that we had no protests about the matter until two weeks after the show closed?"

Commissioner Feeley, who said he did not see the performance himself, attributed the present uproar to "politics."

"There are some defeated candidates in the town," he said darkly, "who will do anything to embarrass the administration."

While not naming names, Commissioner Feeley apparently referred to Charles E. Opdyke, former councilman, who, at a recent council meeting, read a petition signed by 246 residents of the town.

### Parents Protest.

"We, the parents of Waldwick and residents of Waldwick interested in our neighbors' children," Mr. Opdyke read, "are astounded that you would permit any organization to sponsor the exhibition of mental and moral degeneracy offered the youth of our own and neighboring boroughs last week by the Police Department under the guise of entertainment.

"It is almost unbelievable that the Police Department, after the recent instances of attempted rape and indecent exposure, would, for the sake of a few paltry dollars, further pollute the minds of our weak-minded citizenry and corrupt the morals of our youth."

### Stella Goes Gaily On.

At the same meeting Mrs. George Hamilton, a resident of the town, brought down the house. Taking the floor, Mrs. Hamilton said her husband had seen the show and that from what she heard there was nothing more to it "than they have at every stag." Only after the chairman of the meeting threatened to have the room cleared did the mirth subside.

The town's Parent-Teachers Assn. also went on record as being opposed to letting the young people of the municipality see such a show.

# Waldwick Residents Protest Dance Presented At Carnival

## Council Starts Probe To Fix Responsibility After Hearing Charge Of Lewd Performance

Stolen tax records, municipal building fires, and other headline stories ceded their place in the official spotlight at last night's Waldwick Borough Council meeting to a girl named "Stella".

Stella, it seems, put on a tent show at the carnival conducted recently by the Police Department. Residents who crowded last night's meeting weren't quite agreed as to the type of show Stella put on, but most of them, including former Councilman Charles E. Opdyke, called it lewd and indecent.

### 246 SIGN PETITION

Opdyke presented a petition signed by 246 residents, including five members of the Board of Education, and Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The petition cited that residents had been involved recently in cases of rape and indecent exposure and that in the face of these facts police permitted such a show to be staged. The petition also charged that minors were permitted to see the show, saying no restriction was placed upon the age of the patrons.

The petition described the show as "loathsome and disgusting", and demanded a thorough investigation by the Council. The signers demanded that the individuals responsible for the performance be removed from office immediately.

Augmenting the petition before the Council were protest letters from the P.-T. A. and Men's Community Club.

Opdyke appeared as spokesman for the large group of persons present.

### CITES THREAT

He charged that he had been called on the telephone by Police Chief Frank V. C. Holley and threatened with prosecution unless he could back up the statements in the petition.

"He told me that he would have the Prosecutor here at this meeting," Opdyke continued. "I hope the Prosecutor is here tonight. I saw the show and I am ready and willing to substantiate anything in the petition or anything I have said before any official investigation. I have also been given to understand that others in towns have been called on the telephone and threatened with prosecution."

Opdyke told the Council that he learned of the show late Saturday afternoon from his wife, but had been unable to go to the carnival until late that night, the last of the show. He did not believe the stories, he said, and refused to believe that the Police Department would condone such a performance.

"But let me say that it was the lewdest and most indecent exposure that could possibly have been brought to Waldwick," he said. "There was only a pretense at dancing, the thing was utterly lacking in art, and was designed entirely to arouse the sex desires in men."

### JUST A STAG

Councilman John J. Carlin, acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor John J. Reilly, asked Opdyke why he had not reported the incident to police. Opdyke replied that he had been unable to get to the show until late and he saw the last show.

An exchange of words took place between Opdyke and Carlin and Rev. Thomas Hilton asked Councilmen if there was any doubt in their minds that the show was to be condoned.

The Council referred the matter to the police committee but that failed to halt the debate.

T. Dale Holley, son of the Police Chief, and police marshal, said he saw the show on the first night and had seen nothing wrong. "From what Mr. Opdyke says Stella must have put on a special show for his benefit," he commented.

Opdyke was angered by this remark.

### WANTS SPECIAL PROBE

Mrs. George Hamilton, member of the Board of Health, remarked: "My husband saw the show. He said there was absolutely nothing wrong, nothing more than you could see in any stag show." Laughter from the crowd interrupted her there and Carlin threatened to clear the room.

Mrs. Nicholas Algozzini, P.-T. A. president, said her organization was solely concerned with the fact that children had been permitted to witness the exhibition. Mothers said their children and other minors had been at the show.

Arthur E. Alder, Republican County Committeeman, demanded the Council name a special committee to investigate rather than just refer the case to the police committee.

Carlin reprimanded him for insinuating that the police committee was incapable of handling the probe.

Councilman Matthew F. Feeley, police chairman, declared that he knew of persons on the list of petition signers who had foul mouths and others who had been apprehended by police for thievery. "Those who saw the show didn't seem to mind it; those who didn't are probably sore because they missed it," he said.

This brought a violent reply from an unidentified man. "I resent your remarks," he concluded.

Feeley's remark also brought Mrs. Algozzini to her feet again. She criticized him for his attitude.

### MRS. HOLLEY TALKS

"Give me a few weeks to go into this thing," Feeley concluded, "and we will come back with the story. What do you want me to do now, do a dance for you?"

Mrs. Frank C. Holley, wife of the police chief, said she resented the inference her husband would injure the morals of minors. She reminded the audience that he had always promoted the welfare of youth organizations and had raised two sons of his own who are a credit to any community.

Recorder Frank W. English and Opdyke exchanged words. English's question as to why the matter had not been reported before last night

brought from Opdyke the same reply he had made in his opening statement.

"You appear to be setting yourself up as a self-appointed prosecutor," Opdyke said. "When the proper time arrives, and if I am asked, I will tell everything I know in connection with the show."

Councilman William E. Ward offered a motion that the ordinance committee confer with the attorney and draw an ordinance banning future carnivals. Mrs. Mary E. Beidelman said the Council already had such an ordinance on its books.

Hilton questioned Carlin on the purpose of the investigation, and drew the admission that the committee would determine whether or not the show was indecent, and who was responsible for its presentation.

# Fan Dancer Fans Up a Fanfare

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## Vituperations Again Mark Waldwick's Council Meeting

Mayor, Opdyke Tangle, Stella's Dance Helps Buy Police Car

Spectators to the number of about fifty present at the meeting of the Waldwick Mayor and Council, Friday night, were treated to a verbal "revue" of the recent carnival sponsored by the police department of that borough, which has caused considerable comment to be made.

Those who missed the show, or the last meeting of the town officials, missed little if they were present Friday evening, for between the report given by the chairman of the police committee, Councilman Matthew Feeley, and the barrage of oratory fired by the former councilman, Charles E. Opdyke and Mayor Joseph J. Reilly, the listeners experienced a real "refresher" in case they were in need of it.

Being a second review however, the meeting was much like a warmed-over dish, with the exception of a few added cracks made about newspapers, whose articles and editorials have apparently stung Mayor Reilly and the members of the board to the quick.

### Feeley Reports

A report on his investigation was submitted by Chairman Feeley and as soon as Clerk Charles Bearce had finished reading it Mr. Opdyke was on his feet. The Mayor brought his gavel down with emphasis and ordered Opdyke not to talk until the proper time, assuring him he would have ample opportunity. Opdyke finally yielded only to resume where he had left off when given the floor later.

### Defends Police

Feeley's report was exhaustive and in the main was a denial of the accusations made by Opdyke at the last meeting. He stated that he had heard of no children attending the side-show in which "Stella" a dancer gave the performance which Opdyke had characterized as low and indecent. He cited many conflicting rumors so that it appeared there was a decided division of opinion as to whether the show was indecent or not. He said he had met Opdyke on the show grounds at 9 o'clock in the evening, yet the latter said nothing about the matter. Attacking the list of signers on Opdyke's protest Feeley said many of them had not been at the show and therefore were not competent to judge.

Feeley pointed out that the reason he had stopped talking at the previous meeting, when interrupted by a woman, was because he wished to act as a gentleman.

### "Not Surprised"

After other business had been transacted Opdyke rose and apologized for interrupting the proceedings believing he was not violating any rules. He continued at great length, stating he was not surprised by the nature of the report the chairman of the police committee had rendered. He corrected the impression given previously that he had heard about the goings-on before Saturday, but since the show was in progress all week he believed the police had been negligent in performing their duty. It was his wife who insisted that he investigate the rumors for himself, so he went to see and believed he was witnessing the last show but "apparently it went on indefinitely" he said.

Speaking of the threat which he

said Chief of Police Frank Holley made to him over the telephone, Opdyke insisted that Holley threatened to prosecute him. Holley afterwards stated that what he had told Opdyke was that if in any way he defamed him he would prosecute him, and in this he was backed up by Mrs. Holley who stated she had listened in on the wire. She denied that her husband had otherwise warned Opdyke. The latter stated he also had had a third person on the wire.

### Carnival Financed Car

Mayor Reilly, without any comment, tried to end the discussion and asked if there was any business of any other character. Mr. Feeley replied that a new police car had been "leased" and that the money was made available through holding the carnival. This brought Opdyke to his feet again. He declared it was too bad that the borough had to resort to holding such a show to raise funds for a new police car.

### Mayor Attacks Opdyke

Opdyke was caustic in his criticism and finally Mayor Reilly asked to be allowed to say something. "This thing is all politics and the dirtiest kind of politics" said the Mayor "and when some one tries to besmirch and smear 3,500 citizens it is just too bad. Not much over a year ago you insisted that everyone in the community have a say as to the passing of an anti-noise ordinance and now you bring in a petition with only 246 names on it.

### Admits It Was Indecent

The Mayor stated that he had been at the carnival and his children enjoyed the amusements but he did not feel inclined to go in to see the Stella dance as he does not take in that sort of thing and thought it was "not a fit show to see." The latter remark brought groans from the audience. The Mayor continued stating that children who saw the show had to climb under the tent.

### Opdyke Hits At Mayor

In reply Opdyke stated that he had no political aspirations and the happiest time of his residence in Waldwick has been the period in which he has not been on the board. "You admit that it was not a fit show to see and yet you and your administration let it go on, you and your constituents and your stooges."

### Blames Those Who Pay

Reilly answered by saying that only people with minds that are in the gutter think of such things and it is only people with obscene minds who go to see such shows. If it were not for people like you, who paid admission to see Stella she would mighty soon stop coming on the platform." The Mayor went on to say that the show was given in Paterson, Garfield and Glen Rock without any protest. "Perhaps your appearance in the audience had something to do with exciting Stella to put a greater effort into her dancing than if you had not been there.

"In the few years that you have been in this borough" said Reilly "you have done more to bring disgrace and a bad reputation to the town than any one else; and you have had a very willing mouthpiece in the Ridgewood paper which publishes what you and the likes of you say.

Opdyke admitted having paid to go into the show but said it was for investigation purposes. He admitted seeing only one minor child there and was told that one had crawled in under the tent. There were two other youths present, he said but their age was doubtful. He said a woman at the entrance to the tent had urged him to go in and that gave him strength to enter.

At about this juncture Councilman Kenneth Howe made a plea that the matter be dropped for the good of the entire borough.

# Extensive Program Planned For Gala Day On Saturday

Colorful Parade To Feature Observance—Contests Arranged—Mayor To Speak 7/21

The Waldwick Gala Day Committee has worked long and untiringly to make Saturday indeed a "Gala Day" for the borough. The entire program will be presented at the Waldwick swimming pool grounds. If Saturday is stormy, the program will be given on July 27.

Admission to the grounds will be button only, which can be purchased from any members of the committee or at the gate for a small sum. Mayor John J. Reilly, who has issued an official proclamation setting July 20 as Waldwick Gala Day and requesting all borough residents to participate in its program, will give the address of welcome at the evening program which will open at 7 p. m.

The committee this year has adopted the theme of "Americanism" and is asking all borough residents to co-operate by displaying American flags. The committee has kept this theme in mind, while selecting awards for the best marching unit, best decorated car, and the best float in the parade. These will be trophies of gold and ivory with an eagle perched on top. Souvenir programs will be distributed to all attending the affair.

### Schedule Of Events

The program for the day is as follows: Parade will form at 1 o'clock, on Dora avenue and at 2 o'clock, the parade will proceed through Ridge street, on to Prospect street, past the reviewing stand at the municipal building, over Franklin turnpike to Harrison avenue, across the Wyckoff avenue bridge, into Maple avenue, into Prospect street and will disband at the bridge abutment, just past the new public school.

At 3 o'clock, aquatic and field events will be held at the Waldwick swimming pool grounds. The evening program will open at 7 o'clock with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the entire assembly, followed by Mayor Reilly's address.

The youth program, under the direction of the recreational leaders of the WPA will be given at 7:15 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock, the Waldwick Emergency Squad will make its first public appearance in two demonstrations of their work. At 8 o'clock the Elite Players will present a one-act play, followed by individual performers, Richard Young, Sr., Julia Bowman, Yoemans Brothers quartet and at 10 o'clock, the awarding of prizes, which will conclude the program.

James McQuilken will be the master of ceremonies and Miss Irene Cutler, pianist for the evening program.

Howe said he had read a "dirty editorial" in the Sunday News which is the kind of thing, he maintained, that injures a town. He stated that he had written to the paper protesting about this. Howe's letter appears on another page of this issue.

The discussions were continued formally by groups of spectators and officials for some time after the evening.

### MRS. HOLLEY

A meeting was held on Wednesday night at the Municipal Building to start the U. S. O. drive in Waldwick. Mrs. Frank C. Holley is chairman, and other members of the executive committee to include Mrs. Fred Frank, Mrs. Charles Bearce and Mrs. John Carlin. A house-to-house canvass is to be conducted throughout the borough and captains have been named to take various streets. Mayor John J. Reilly opened by reading a proclamation and urged all to help realize the quota.

For the parade, John Pick and James J. McGovern will be parade marshals. Judges of entries will be Harry Riley of Westwood, Howard W. Gillis of Spring Valley, N. Y., and F. Vere Kidder of Ridgewood. Entries will be judged on the following: Workmanship, 30 points; appropriateness, 30 points; originality, 30 points and general effect and color, 10 points.

At 3 o'clock, a program of field and water races will be held. Prizes for these events will be gold medals for first place and sterling silver medals for second place, all suitably inscribed.

Aquatic events are: 100-yard free style, for males 15 years and over; 50-yard back hand, for males 15 years and over; 100-yard free style, for males 10 to 15 years; 25-yard free style, for males up to 10 years; 50-yard free style for females 15 years and over; 50-yard free style, for females 10 to 15 years; and 25-yard free style, for females up to 10 years.

Diving contest: Entrants must execute any five dives. Judges will pick the best entrant as to dives and form. This contest is open to both males and females. Field events are: One-mile run, open to all; 100-yard dash, for males 15 years and over; 100-yard dash, for males 10 to 15 years; 50-yard dash, for males, up to 10 years; 100-yard dash, for females, 15 years and over; 50-yard dash, for females, 10 to 15 years; 25-yard dash, for females up to 10 years.

Novelty races: Greased watermelon, open to males and females; push the board, open to females; sack race, open to males; sack race, open to females; three-legged race, team one male and one female.

Entrants in any of the above races, must be residents of the borough, and in no way connected with the A. A. U. They must agree to absolve the committee or the Borough of Waldwick from any and all responsibilities due to accidents or personal injuries.

J., SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1935

## Waldwick Observes Gala Day

Town Decorates for Annual Event--Games at Pool --Mayor Speaks

The most successful community affair ever sponsored in the borough took place yesterday afternoon and evening, when the second annual Waldwick Gala Day was held.

Merchants of the borough and residents entered into the spirit of the day and carried out the theme of "Americanism" which the committee had adopted this year, by decorating their stores and displaying the American Flag at their homes.

This is the first time, since the return of the World War Buddies that the borough has been decorated to this extent. Even the Borough Fathers joined the ranks by having the municipal building, where the reviewing stand was located, decorated for the occasion.

# Reilly Hits Back At Independents

## Waldwick Mayor Refutes Criticism

The following statement has been issued by Mayor J. J. Reilly, of Waldwick borough, in reply to the statement published recently by the newly organized Independent Voters League, and in it the Mayor refutes numerous accusations that have been made:

### Reilly's Statement

Editor, Sunday News  
Ridgewood, New Jersey.  
Dear Sirs:

In your issue of September 14th, there appeared an article headed, "Waldwick Independents Out to Defeat Reilly" and in the body of the article there were many inaccuracies which in the interest of fair play and honesty, should be corrected.

The second paragraph in particular is not only misleading, but absolutely untrue, as anybody who cares to "check the records" in the official minute book of the Borough Council, can very well discover for themselves. This paragraph reads as follows:

"Ward has been on the board for seven years and has been an opponent of Mayor Reilly on matters of economy, particularly in the issue over Charles F. Black, former borough attorney."

### Misguided

When I read this I could not help having a thrill of sympathy for this poor, misguided individual, in his efforts to get an issue on which to pin his hat. The issue of Charles F. Black has been dragged before the voters of Waldwick at every election during the past ten years, and one would think that Black, being out of the picture now, that the issue would be dead.

The paragraph itself is not only misleading but absolutely untrue. I defy Ward or any of his supporters to point to a single economic policy in the administration of borough affairs which he ever advocated, to which I was opposed. I also defy him to point to a single economic policy in borough affairs which I ever advocated and which he opposed. While his suggestions for improvement in borough government were few and far between, they always received the support of the present administration, so to say that Ward has been my opponent on matters of economy is a most outrageous falsehood.

Of course the inference in this paragraph is that Ward was for economies and that I advocated all extravagant expenditures. Those who sat in at the conferences when the local budget was being prepared every year since Ward has been chairman of the Util-

ity Department knows very well that I have not only opposed the grant of the appropriation which Ward secured for the operations of the department, not with any desire to handicap the department but rather with the hope of conserving the taxpayer's money and prevent expenditures that were not absolutely necessary.

### About Black

In the matter of Charles F. Black, the inferences left in this paragraph that Ward and I differed on the appointment of Mr. Black for borough attorney, the record will indicate that on every occasion that Mr. Black's name was submitted to the Council for confirmation, with the possible exception of 1939, that Ward voted in the affirmative.

Further, I might respectfully remind the authors of this article, that the record shows that on January 1, 1938, I refused to name Chas. F. Black, borough attorney and after the thirty-day limit, in which the Mayor can exercise the prerogative of a nomination for borough attorney, we find that the name of Mr. Black was submitted for borough attorney by Councilman Monroe, and the nomination was immediately seconded by Ward, and on a vote being taken, we find that all Councilmen present voted for the Resolution except Mr. Van Hull.

In face of this record, how can Ward inject the name of Mr. Black into this campaign, and try to represent to the voters that he was opposed to Mr. Black for borough attorney? I have no apologies to offer for my support of Charles F. Black, as I think the record will show that he has done a wonderful job for the borough of Waldwick, and did it at a lower fee than any other attorney would charge for a similar service. I might also remind the voters that on the resolution employing Mr. Black to conduct the foreclosures at the fee stipulated in Mr. Black's Contract, that the minutes show Ward recorded as voting in favor of the resolution.

### The Chief Problem

It is a fact well known to the voters of this town that the element who are organizing the so-called "Independent Voters League" are actuated with but one desire, and that is to make "Pick" chief of police. During all the years that I retained Pick on my staff as chief of police he was one of my most enthusiastic boosters, but as soon as I found that he was charging the town for hours of service, when he only actually performed minutes of service, and as soon as I found that there could be economies effected in his Department under different supervision, and recommended the appointment of his successor in the control of the police department, Pick took a contrary position and he has maintained this contrary position to the present day. Possibly I should not dignify him with the mention of his name, but voters should know the truth. There would be no "Independent Voters League" or so-called "Independent Candidates" in the field, if Pick were on the payroll at \$50.00 per month, plus "EXTRAS." If Mr. Ward would care to have Mr. Pick's record as Chief of the Police Department, and what it cost the taxpayers of this borough, compared with the present administration of the police department placed before the taxpayers of the borough, it will suit me to a "T".

To further emphasize the deception which is being attempted in the borough, it might be well to remind the voters that Ward has always attempted to profess loyalty to the Democratic party. He has always ran for office as a candidate of that party. He has always subscribed to its Platform and he has always supported its theories for "better government" in this town and if he is possessed of any degree of "Independence," from party affiliations, it certainly is due to the inoculations which he has recently received in Summit Avenue.

In the matter of Mr. Kerr, he is at present a member of my administration and it seems to me that if he possessed a single iota of manly spirit, he would resign all connections with my administration and relinquish the appointments which he has received from me, before joining in an attack on the administration of which he himself is a part.

ican Club, and has always pleaded with the membership thereof to "pay their dues and build up their organization." This does not savor very much of Independence in politics.

Yours very truly,  
J. J. REILLY

# Waldwick Mayor's Attack Answered

## Independents Plan For Campaign

Sept 25/41

Undoubtedly the members of the newly organized League of Independent Voters of Waldwick will put up a hard battle for its candidates on the ticket at the coming election.

This organization, which stresses the fact that it is independent, according to James Kerr in address delivered last evening, at Maratene Hall, is concerned wholly with local matters, within the borough. According to Kerr, who addressed the thirty-five present, the group will concern itself only with the real issues and does not have to defend the record of any of its candidates. Also, the speaker said, no one will know how the other has voted for the organization is to be truly independent in spirit and practice for, he added "we have no party affiliations, no party heads and are bound by no party ties."

### Ward Speaks

A discussion of the issues was presented by William Ward, the councilman, who is in the race for Mayor. He severely criticized Mayor J. J. Reilly's letter, published in the Sunday News. He gave much credit to the Independents' candidates, Spies, Kerr and Hopkins. The latter also spoke and declared that while Reilly abuses him now he once could not praise him too highly. Hopkins stated that he has returned to Waldwick, after an absence of some time, because his mother has a home there and the family has an investment that is ten times as great as Mayor Reilly's.

### Albert Attacks Reilly

H. D. Albert delivered a strong attack on Reilly, going even so far as to question Mayor Reilly's citizenship. Albert read his statement, which in part was as follows:

"In the attack the Mayor of Waldwick made against the new Independent Voters League in last Sunday's News it distinctly shows the

Mayor straw.

"It is clearly his attitude as in previous instances of defeat when, in his vehemence he does not hesitate to unfold his true make-up.

He states that the main issue of the Independent Voters League centers about John Pick, former police chief. We say that the main issue is J. J. Reilly.

"He states that Mr. Pick was eliminated because of the extraordinary expense of maintaining the police department. That is not what Mr. Reilly told me when he told me the reason of the friction between Mr. Pick and himself.

"Mr. Reilly surely must be proud that the Chief of the Waldwick Police Department receives the enormous sum of Fifty dollars per month. Who pays the marshals?

"As county committeeman I asked the Mayor and the Police Chief, of last year, that question. It was in reference to the circus on Route 2 every week-end that I intended to put an end to.

"The Mayor informed me that the Borough did not have sufficient funds to pay the Marshals and the Chief said that he did not pay them. I was left to draw my own conclusions as to why four to six Marshals spent eight to ten hours a day on Route No. 2 apprehending violators, without pay.

### Defends Kerr

"Mr. Reilly has undertaken to attack Mr. Kerr, one of Waldwick's most outstanding citizens. I wonder how far Mr. Reilly will get? Mr. Kerr's character is beyond the verbal reproach of men like Mr. Reilly. Mr. Kerr, an artist by profession, in his civic mindedness has worked hard to make Waldwick a better town to live in. He stands on his record as president of the Taxpayers Association, as a member of the Shade Tree Commission, as Chairman of the Waldwick Defense Council, as member of the Zoning Board and as President of the Board of Health, an American and a World War Veteran.

"Where was Mr. Reilly during the World War?

"Is he a citizen of the U. S.?

"Mr. Reilly attacks Mr. Hopkins because Mr. Hopkins once stated that he was ashamed to live in Waldwick. That statement isn't singular. One needs but to approach the town by railroad and the first impression is that you must be in some midwest tank town. The main thoroughfare of the town still has no sidewalks and the residents of Waldwick do get a lot of jibing about 'pulling in the sidewalks' at a certain time. Also one needs but attend a Council meeting to ascertain what Mr. Hopkins means.

### League's Aims

"The Independent Voter's League, for Mr. Reilly's information, is composed of the intellectual citizenry of Waldwick who intend to remove the stigma of rotten politics from this town and give it a place in the 'sun' where it belongs.

"Neither Mr. Reilly's rantings or mud-slinging against individuals will avail him anything. I will not sling mud but I will sincerely resent it cast upon anybody in this town and do so in no uncertain words.

"Mr. Reilly stresses the fact that he is being informed by certain people who he believes are in 'the Know.'

"I have in a previous letter to him pointed out that those same informants also inform his opponents. Sort of a double-crossing Gestapo which he himself has created.

"May I now stress my point in fact, that Mr. Reilly and all that pertains to his views and unsavory methods, will be a memory after Nov. 4, 1941".

## Ridgewald Secession Rumor False Kerr Tells Property Owners' Group

At a meeting of the Waldwick Property Owners' Association, Inc., held on Thursday evening in the Waldwick Municipal building, the annual election was held with the following results: President, Charles Kerr; vice-president, Wilbert Sime, re-elected; secretary, A. Eugene Hill, Mrs. Frank C. Holley the retiring secretary refusing to serve; and Mrs. George Christman, Jr., treasurer. Mrs. Holley was named publicity committee chairman. A committee composed of Charles Opdyke, Charles R. Fogwill and J. Alder were named to attend the Board of Education meetings and to inspect the new school building which is being erected on Prospect street.

There was considerable discussion concerning newspaper reports of a meeting on Monday evening in which it was stated that the Ridgewald Highlands Residents association were desirous of seceding from the borough of Waldwick and joining with the borough of Ho-Ho-Kus. The newly elected president, Kerr, also a member of the residents' association denied that any such idea was back of the organization.

The minutes of the residents' association were read to show that this matter was not touched on. Borough Collector Myles Maratene, vice-president of the residents' group and to whom definite reference was made in the newspaper articles stated that he was not a party to any idea of secession, he stated that he had an investment in the borough of Waldwick and that he was a public officer having served as tax collector for the past six years. To further complicate the situation, C. E. Opdyke the treasurer of the residents' association, is a Republican candidate for the council in the November election, and he too stated that he was entirely opposed to secession. Maratene stated that the only mention of secession at Monday's meeting of the residents' association was made by Arthur Campbell, the preliminary chairman of the organization meeting.

Collector Maratene stated that he and other development residents had heard rumors of the movement to secede but were satisfied that Monday night's meeting was called to discuss a social organization. He further stated that he believed that the movement had died because proponents learned it would be too costly, for as early as Sept. 24, Maratene had learned from a neighbor that Mr. Campbell had consulted his attorney to learn what steps would be necessary to secession.

As stated in this column in Wednesday morning the purpose of this new organization, the Ridgewald Highlands Residents association is to promote the interests of their particular section and to join forces with any organization of like purpose, for the borough's general welfare.

Corps are to meet at the barracks on Frederick street at 10:45 o'clock tomorrow morning in full uniform with instruments by order of Commander Frank C. Holley, Sr.; when they will stage a scene for the play "Hollywood Elmer" which the Waldwick Reformed Ladies' Aid society are sponsoring.

The American Legion Post, auxiliary, Sons of Legion and band are asked to be at the Legion hut at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in uniform to pose for motion pictures.

A petition for house-to-house mail delivery service will be presented at the January 4 meeting of the Property Owners' Association, it was reported today by President James W. Kerr. The petition, which must be signed by at least 150 persons before it can be dispatched to the Post Office Department in Washington calls for 2 deliveries daily. If the petition proves successful, it will mean that all houses will have to be provided with numbers. Dec. 31/38

## Ridgewald Group Won't Back Waldwick Secession Plans

### Kerr, President, Says Move Wasn't Even Discussed And Reads Minutes To Prove It

"The newly formed Ridgewald Highlands Residents' Association does not intend to support any movement for secession of the Ridgewald Highlands section of Waldwick into Ho-Ho-Kus Borough," newly elected President James Kerr of the Waldwick Property Owners' Association told the property owners at the Municipal Building last night when he accepted the office.

#### NOT ON MINUTES

Minutes of the residents' association were read at last night's meeting to show that the secession matter was not taken up at their Monday night organization meeting, although a belief became current in the borough that it had.

Last night's meeting was followed this morning by a further explanation of the case by Tax Collector Myles Maratene, vice-president of the residents' group, who not only said that the association had not interested itself in a proposal for secession but quoted the preliminary chairman's statement at Monday's meeting as having said that the proponents of secession have dropped the idea.

Maratene said that Arthur Campbell, the preliminary chairman of the Monday night organization meeting at the home of Treasurer C. E. Opdyke, had opened the meeting by stating, "This meeting was originally called for a purpose that we later found could not be done and therefore the question in mind was dropped completely and we are gathered to form an association to take part in local affairs and if possible to contact Harry Block to see if he will build us a clubhouse." Block is president of the corporation that is developing Ridgewald Highlands.

In further explanation, Maratene said that was the only mention—if it could be called as such, of the secession matter at Monday's meeting and that his personal opinion is against secession. He stated, "I do not want to be a party mixed into this sort of an affair. I have an investment here and I have had for 16 years. I am in addition a public officer and I would be the last in the world to ever be implicated in this sort of rumor." He has served six years as tax collector.

Maratene said officers of the residents' association agreed it would be a good idea to have Secretary E. R. Carney go to last night's property owners' association meeting and read the other group's minutes of Monday night in order to clear up the misunderstanding. Before calling upon Carney to read them, President Kerr said he noted with surprise a news item and an editorial

in the Bergen Evening Record on the secession subject.

"It has created a serious problem for the Highlands residents," he said. "We want it understood in the community that the new organization does not intend to support any move for secession of our section into Ho-Ho-Kus and I for one shall uphold Waldwick to the last."

Maratene said that Mr. Kerr went on to explain that if any residents have run into aggravating circumstances because of personal financial entanglements over their homes they should not blame the community but should move away.

He said that all four officers of the Ridgewald association were startled that its name should be linked with the publicity on the secession efforts. It was President Charles R. Fogwill, he said, who proposed taking the minutes to last night's meeting. Secretary Carney had told him, "My God, this will have to be stopped because it would mean our end." Opdyke, who is a Republican candidate for Councilman, is also opposed to the idea of secession, it was stated.

Maratene said he and other residents of the Ridgewald development had heard rumors of the secessionist movement but satisfied themselves before attending Monday night's meeting that the meeting was being called to discuss a social organization and not one with any idea of connecting itself with secessionist efforts.

He said he believed the secessionist movement may have died because proponents learned it would be costly. As early as September 24, Maratene said, he had heard from a neighbor that Mr. Campbell had consulted his attorney to learn what steps would be necessary to secession.

**SEEK MAIL DELIVERY**

A petition requesting postal authorities at Washington to install mail delivery service in Waldwick Borough was distributed at the meeting of the Property Owners' Association Wednesday night in the Municipal Building. President James W. Kerr, who presented the petition, said that 150 signatures must be secured before it can be sent to Washington. Fred W. McEwan reported that he had attended the December 16 Borough Council meeting and his request regarding the numbering of houses had been complied with. A suggestion was made that lighting in the Blockdel development be improved. 11/13/39

**STRESS LOCAL ISSUE**

Waldwick Property Owners' Association today requested all Borough residents to patronize the local post office and increase its receipts in order that carrier mail service, sought by the Association, may be secured. At the January meeting of the Association a petition asking postal authorities at Washington for such service was prepared and submitted. At Wednesday night's meeting President James W. Kerr reported he had been informed by postal authorities that carrier service in Waldwick is not warranted at the present time, based on the receipts of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938. The petitions will be retained, Kerr said, and if the receipts for the year ending June 30, 1939, prove favorable, carrier service will be available. 11/13/39

The regular meeting of the Waldwick Property Owners' association

will be held on Wednesday evening, Mar. 1, in the council room of the municipal building. James W. Kerr, president of the organization, is in receipt of a letter from Representative J. Parnell Thomas of Allendale, acknowledging Mr. Kerr's letter of Feb. 20, in which he requested carrier mail service for the borough and intimating that it was his first knowledge of the property owner's request and pledging his co-operation by taking the matter to the Post Office department in Washington. He hopes to have the service authorized and will notify Mr. Kerr as soon as it is authorized. 11/13/39

**WALDWICK**

**P.O.A. Recommends  
Bicycle Licenses  
And Safety Rules**

The Waldwick Property Owners association opened their fall activities on Wednesday evening when they met in the municipal building. James W. Kerr, the president, presented reports from Waldwick Gala Day when he was the organization's representative; and from the safety committee of which he is chairman. This committee are recommending to the borough council that bicycles in the borough be licensed, the fee not to be less than 15 cents or more than 25 cents; and that each bicycle owner be presented with a set of 10 safety rules for riding.

Relative to the Village Carrier Service in the borough, which Mr. Kerr has been advocating, letters written to Representative J. Parnell Thomas, First Assistant Postmaster General W. W. Howe, Hon. Lewis Ludlow, James H. Doscher, chairman of the Bergen County Democratic committee, Senator William H. Smathers, Postmaster General James A. Farley by Mr. Kerr and their replies were read, each stating that due to the limited appropriation in the Post Office Department, it would be impossible to inaugurate such a route this year.

Mr. Kerr reported attending a Board of Education meeting, when at his suggestion, a resolution was adopted and sent to the Board of Freeholders, asking that a vocational school be erected in Waldwick. It was also suggested that the Board of Education and the finance committee of the council, or the council as a whole, co-operate when the school budget is made up so that if at all possible, the tax rate for the borough may be reduced.

**Emergency School**

**Waldwick Property Owners In Session**  
10/8/39

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Ludlow, J. H. Doscher; chairman of the Bergen County Democratic Committee and Senator William H. Smathers, Post Master General James A. Farley by Mr. Kerr, were read by the secretary, Mr. Hill; and their replies were also read, each stating that due to the limited appropriation in the post office department, it would be impossible to inaugurate such a route this year. Mayor John J. Reilly who has also cooperated with the Association in this matter sent a number of his communications and their replies to be read at the meeting. Bids for a new post office building in the borough, are to be received by October 14.

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The annual election which was scheduled to be held, was postponed until November 15, and H. D. Albert was appointed chairman of a committee to visit inactive members and to seek new members for the organization.

James W. Kerr, chairman of the Safety Committee, has announced that the week of September 24 to 30 inclusive is to be known as Better Driving Week, in the safety campaign in the State of New Jersey, and he, with the local committee composed of Councilmen S. Frank Rafferty and Ellsworth R. Bush, Matthew J. Feeley and Elmer P. Doty, are asking the cooperation of those who operate automobiles within the borough limits to be careful in their driving, and to remember when driving at night, the courtesy of lowering their lights. Drivers are asked to be particularly careful on Franklin Turnpike, Prospect Street and Wyckoff Avenue, where speeding is a frequent occurrence.

In connection with this safety campaign, it has been suggested that bicycles in the borough also, should be licensed, at a small fee. The owners of the bicycles will then receive a set of ten safety rules which will be of help to them in riding their bicycles on these thoroughfares.

**WALDWICK**

**Property Owners Want Vocational School Here**

An informal meeting of the Waldwick Property Owners' association was held on Wednesday evening in the council room of the municipal building, with the president, James W. Kerr, presiding.

A board of adjustment, in relation to the assessed valuation of property and the delinquent taxes, was discussed. The building of a vocational school in Bergen county was also discussed; with the possibility of either several small or one large school being built. The association is desirous of having the school built in Waldwick, to enable local youths to take advantage of the vocational training. President Kerr urged members of the association and their friends to write to J. Parnell Thomas, our representative urging him to support our request for village carrier mail service. Various means of increasing the attendance at the meetings was also discussed.

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## Boro Gala Day Is Big Success

### Aquatic And Field Events Make Up The Program

The first Waldwick Gala Day ever held in the borough, proved to be very successful on Saturday afternoon and evening.

The afternoon program which included aquatic events and field events was well attended by the borough's young folks and their "rooters." Sterling silver medals were awarded for first place and bronze medals for second places as follows:

**Aquatic:** 100 yards free style, males over 15 years, Russell Decker, first; Jack Ward, second. 50 yards, back hand for males over 15 years, Raymond Murgatroyd, first; Dale Decker, second. 100 yards free style, males between 10 and 15 years, Charles Schubert, first; and Walter Holly, second. 25 yard free style, males up to 10 years, Robert Colombo, first and William Riches, second. 50 yards free style, females over 15 years, Miss Shirley Sillis, first; Miss Norma Scully, second. 25 yard free style, females up to 10 year, Madelon Van Hull, first; Anna Humphries, second.

In the diving contest, James Heddy was first and Nelson Heddy, second for the boys; while Miss Anna Lockwood was first and Priscilla Murgatroyd, second, for the girls. In the greased watermelon contest, Nunzio Zacco received the boys' award and Priscilla Murgatroyd the girls. In push the board, Miss Murgatroyd was first and Miss Lockwood, second. James McQuilken acting as master of ceremonies.

In the field events: The one mile race was won by Nunzio Zacco, first and Richard Heddy, second. The 100 yard dash for male over 15 years, Edward Connelley, first and Charles Sillis, second. 100 yard dash for males between 10 and 15 years, Kenneth Hunt, first and Jack Finn, second. 50 yard dash for males up to 10 years, Vincent Tullisano, first and Edward Minarsch, second. 100 yard dash for girls over 15, Mrs. Laura English, first and Miss Gladys Decker, second. 50 yard dash for girls between 10 and 15, Jean Abrams, first and Katherine Sweeney, second. 25 yard dash for girls up to 10 years, Anna Litchult, first and Maureen McQuilken, second. In the sack races for boys, William Estes and Dale Dacker were first; Andrew Peterson and Allan Phillips, second. In the sack race for girls, Viola D'Ercole was first and Katherine Sweeney, second. In the three legged race, the team of Allan Phillips and Viola D'Ercole was first, with Thomas and Marion Wynne second.

Judges for the events were: Ronald DeMarco of Ridgewood, Councilman Henry Van Hull and James McQuilken, president of the emergency squad. Herbert D. Albert was the official starter.

In the fat Ladies' contest which was conducted in the evening, Mrs. Richard Young was awarded the prize, donated by Mrs. H. D. Albert.

In the youth program which was presented in the evening and which was directed by Miss Angela D. Miccinelli, "The Pink Choristers" who sang and danced were: Beatrice Ackerson, Maureen McQuilken, Madelon Van Hull, Norma Lewis, Melba Berry, Mary Grace Kane and Marion Wynne. "The Kinder-polka" was given by Evelyn Koerner, Elaine Algozzinni, Elfreda Koerner, Emanuela Frere, Peggy Ackerson, Donald McQuilken, Philip Algozzinni, Grant Blair, James McQuilken, and Tracy Lewis. In the modern version of Cinderella, Marion Wynne portrayed Cinderella, and other parts were taken by Philip Algozzinni, Maureen McQuilken, Melba Berry, Madelon Van Hull, Beatrice Ackerson, Grant Blair, James McQuilken, and Donald Blair. Madelon Van Hull, daughter of Councilman and Mrs. Henry Van Hull, gave an exhibition acrobatic dance.

The mock session of the council was well given by the following members of the Elite Players: James Conklin, William Carlock, Misses Lillian Conklin, Irma Albert, Anna Sabiel, Muriel Christman, Helen Enberg, Shirley Sillis, Charles Sillis, Jr., Dale Decker, Russell Decker, Roy Colombo and Harold Bush.

The committee expresses its appreciation of the support given the affair by the merchants of the borough, and by the townspeople who were present to witness the program prepared by the Waldwick Gala Day committee.

Lou Noble and his Imperial orchestra furnished dance music for the affair.

## Amsters' Bid For P. O. Building Is Accepted

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Amster of Prospect street received word from S. W. Purdum, the fourth assistant postmaster on Wednesday evening that their bid for the new post office building had been accepted by the Post Office Department. The new building will be erected on Prospect street adjacent to the present Amster building and will be built of brick.

James W. Kerr, president of the Waldwick Property Owners' Association urges that with the erection of this new building, the next progressive step will be the securing of carrier service which this organization has been urging for some time past. The purchasing of stamps will further enhance this proposition.

## Council Approves Moving Ordinance On Final Passage

Permit Fee is Set At \$1.00—  
Measure Becomes Effective  
Immediately—No Com-  
ment At Hearing

### James W. Kerr Heads Defense Committee

Mayor Reilly Names Six to  
Group to Arrange for  
Local Defense

An ordinance relating to and regulating the transportation and removal of personal property within or without the borough providing for the licensing and regulation of truckmen engaged therein, and fixing penalties for violations thereof, passed second and final reading, after a public hearing was held at the regular meeting of the Waldwick borough council on Friday evening in the council room of the municipal building.

There were no comments, verbal or written at the public hearing. This ordinance calls for a permit, the fee for which shall be \$1.00; the fine for not obeying this ordinance is not more than \$200. or a prison term of not more than 90 days, or both. This ordinance becomes effective immediately.

Mayor John J. Reilly, who presided, spoke of the power vested in him by Governor A. Harry Moore, to appoint some means of having a defense unit in the borough, and he named to serve as a Defense Committee, to organize a group which is to meet for this purpose: James W. Kerr, chairman, Kenneth C. Doty, lieutenant; Frank C. Holley Sr., Herbert D. Albert, Myles Maratene and James McQuilken.

# Bergen Launches First Defense Unit

## To Function In Case Of Emergencies

Officials of North Bergen  
Municipalities Serve  
As Organizers

### KELLY OUTLINES PLAN

At a meeting attended by Mayors and other officials of municipalities in this area, held at the lodge of Robert W. Thomson, in Wyckoff, last evening, the formation of the First National Defense Unit of Bergen County was launched.

Another meeting will be held, next Wednesday evening, at Allendale, and it may be expected that within a very short time this organization will function and be ready to augment the duties of the regular military organizations in case of war or Fifth Column activities.

The utmost enthusiasm prevailed throughout the gathering. Mr. Thomson was chosen as temporary chairman and a ten point plan, outlining the purposes of such a unit, was presented by Commander John J. Kelly on behalf of the Allendale post of the Veterans.

#### Under Army Discipline

It was made clear that while this is to be an organization of citizens not in the regular army groups, it is to be under the control and guidance of the regular army. Its principal purpose, it was made clear time and time again, will be to protect the homes and local municipalities in times of attack and hold back invading enemies until the military forces can be brought to the scenes of action or in uprisings.

#### Committee Named

After the name had been adopted for the organization, a committee was selected to further perfect the organization. The following are on this committee: Mayor William J. Tonkin, Ridgewood; John J. Kelly, Allendale; James W. Kerr, Allendale; John P. Erlenbach, Wyckoff; F. L. Avery, Ridgewood; Amisa M. Gilpatrick and Mayor Clifford L. MacEvoy of Oakland; Henry Pinault, Ridgewood, who also was made secretary; William B. Covert, Ridgewood; Arthur A. Reynier, Allendale; Frank Martin, Midland Park; S. R. Clausen, Ridgewood; H. J. Roche, Midland Park; Mayor Dorrance Talbot, Midland Park.

Others who were either present or gave assurance of their support of this movement, included Mayor J. J. Reilly, of Waldwick; Congressman J. Parnell Thomas; James Devine, Mayor Louis A. Keidel, of Allendale; Charles Jurgensen Jr., Dwight W. Little, William V. Pulis, J. W. Kerr, Frank L. Avery who is starting the school of mechanical instruction in Ridgewood next Monday.

#### Mass Meeting Planned

are to be made for the hold-

## Bergen Launches First Defense Unit

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next Wednesday. No time is to be lost, it was insisted.

#### Kelly's Suggestions

Mr. Kelly expressed it as his view that uniforms of denim could be secured and once the organization is formed a public demonstration can be given. His ten suggestions are as follows:

1. It is apparent that no sufficiently large standing army can be maintained to be at every point in the country where an invasion may commence.
2. There are approximately four million veterans in the country, generally organized in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, therefore in close contact and readily available.
3. These men, generally too old for active service, can be organized into defense units along the lines of volunteer fire departments, which have been functioning efficiently in small towns all over the country for many years; to equip and maintain themselves from privately raised funds without aid from any appropriation for the regular forces.
4. However, all members to be sworn in, and subject to the discipline and regulations of the United States Army. All officers selected from personnel to be approved by the army, and to be known as National Army Reserve or similar name. All equipment to be property of United States Army, not of municipalities or units, subject to army disposal and inspection.
5. Uniform to be regulation throughout country — consisting of jumper, overall type, of blue or o.d. denim, which could be quickly donned over civilian clothes, summer or winter, and leggings and steel helmets—cost about \$3.00 per man.
6. Equipment based on size of post or town. Small towns for example to equip a unit of possibly one armored motor truck, one or two machine guns, and rifles for twenty or thirty men. Large towns two or three trucks and anti tank gun, etc.

7. All units to be part of larger divisions; divisions part of army corps, etc., and always in contact through division commanders with corps area commander or a designated subordinate.

8. Since mobility seems to be keynote of present war, utilize this country's extreme mobility by issuing to every reservist a Federal license plate for his car (same number as his army identification tag) to increase his availability, such plates to be used only in emergency or maneuvers with adequate penalties for its abuse.

9. All reservists to be responsible for own side arms or rifles. All other equipment, machine guns, anti tank guns, etc., to be kept in secure place such as police station or vaults of local banks, to prevent sabotage or loss.

10. WPA projects to build concrete emplacements suitable for machine guns or anti tank guns at all traffic circles, intersections of main roads, etc., or at all important intersections.

#### Mechanics School

It was stated that Mr. Avery has already done constructive work. He will open his class at the Beach Street school in Ridgewood next Monday with over fifty pupils who will study the making of war equipment and machinery. Last evening Mr. Avery, in addressing the group, stated that the Ridgewood Mechanics School would serve a threefold purpose; first to give a number of men the necessary training for repairing the war equipment, should defensive tanks be placed in use; second to give the men training for future jobs and third, should the war actually occur, we would have at our immediate and close disposal a machine shop available to experienced men for the repair of war equipment.

### FIRST DEFENSE UNIT

There is much to be said in favor of the formation of a local defense unit, and the start made at the meeting held in Robert W. Thompson's lodge at Wyckoff, Wednesday evening, seems to indicate that the men interested mean business. The gathering was representative and not merely a group of alarmists or publicity seekers. Practically every community in Northern Bergen County was represented by its mayor, veterans or officials.

It is not too early to organize an emergency squad. Even if war should never come to these shores, such a group will have the effect of unifying the people and showing that this country means to be prepared for any form of uprising. It is suggested that this unit should operate directly under the leadership of regular military organizations in order that proper discipline may be maintained and no one be able to go off on a witch-hunt or persecution expedition that would hurt more than help.

The plan as outlined by John Kelly and backed by such men as James W. Kerr is to organize the citizenry and provide training under military leaders which will qualify them to act expeditiously and intelligently in case of an emergency, without interfering

## Work On Defense Unit Wednesday

Second Meeting of Originators Will Meet At Allendale Hall 7/21/40

A meeting will be held at Allendale on Wednesday evening of this week by the committee appointed to formulate a National Defense Unit. The group met at the lodge of Robert W. Thompson, in Wyckoff last Wednesday and decided to proceed with the creation of a citizens emergency organization, which is to be directed by military authorities. The plan will be laid before the convention of veterans at Hackensack next Saturday and, it is expected, will meet with approval.

Mr. Thompson was named as temporary chairman and John Kelly of Allendale outlined a ten-point plan as a working basis for the formation of the unit. The meeting in Allendale will be held in the Legion hall.

Among those taking an active interest is James W. Kerr of Waldwick, Mayors and officials of Ridgewood, Oakland, Wyckoff, Midland Park, Glen Rock, Allendale and other communities were on hand and are giving their whole-hearted support to the cause.

## VETERANS FORM DEFENSE CORPS

### Model Unit To Demonstrate Plan To Army

A model unit of National Army Reservists which would be under control of the United States Army was organized last night by Northwest Bergen War Veterans meeting at the headquarters of the Allendale Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The model unit is an outgrowth of a plan first presented by Commander John J. Kelly of Ramsey Post, V. F. W., in which he proposed that World War veterans be organized to supplement the Army in case of emergency. The plan as proposed was based on a volunteer fire department system.

The model unit, it was agreed by those present at the meeting last night, represents an endeavor to translate into action a theory that has found favor in a great many quarters. Kelly said that 9 out of every 10 veterans he had talked with received the plan favorably.

Upon motion of Mayor William J. Tonkin of Ridgewood, a committee was appointed to communicate with commanders of the various Legion posts and any other interested citizens for the purpose of increasing the enrollment. Those named to the committee were Chester A. Kornhoff of Ridgewood, John J. Kelly of Allendale, Louis A. Nolan of Ramsey, Frank Martin of Midland Park, James W. Kerr of Waldwick, and John Erlenbach of Wyckoff.

Kelly said that his original plan was based on the premise that there are thousands of miles of frontiers to be defended here, and that certain sections of the country may be confronted with an emergency which might prove disastrous for them.

The Allendale veteran pointed out that the plan is not to be confused with numerous home defense plans that have grown up. He said that these defense groups were isolated

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and could serve no national purpose.

"The aim of the National Army Reservists is national in scope," Kelly said. "It does not look for funds for support from any source other than itself. It will be under the discipline and control of the Army. Each unit will be part of a larger division and each division will be under the supervision of an Army Area Corps Commander.

"Since events in Europe have shown us that modern warfare is based on mobility, our function is to show how we can serve this purpose from the standpoint of an emergency—not, mind you, as a regular fighting force. We must first show the practicability of or plan through the establishment of this model unit.

### HOW IT WORKS

"The plan is to organize one mobile unit equipped with an armored car, a machinegun, and 25 or 30 men armed with rifles. For our immediate purpose we need not have an armored car, nor need we have rifles. We can borrow an old truck; we can use wooden guns; but, most important of all, we can demonstrate that the thing can be organized quickly and efficiently.

"That will be our task—to convince the military authorities that it has practical merits and to invite their approval or disapproval. If it is not found to have merit we will have tried. It should not be forgotten that Hitler trained his amazing military machine with paper tanks."

A Ridgewood citizen present pointed to the value of a model unit in the field of medicine where a group of doctors formed a model medical unit which was later accepted by the United States Army and made general.

Frank L. Avery of Ridgewood, who started the movement to train young mechanics in the County, said that the organization to supplement a model unit was already in being, and that if the unit needed an armored car, it could be produced.

It was moved at last night's meeting to make the temporary officers appointed a week ago the permanent officers of the organization. Robert W. Thompson will be permanent chairman.

At the invitation of Mayor Tonkin the next meeting of the model unit will be held at the Ridgewood Municipal Building Wednesday.

WILFRED BARDEE

## Waldwick

Mildred Beidelman, Correspondent

### Faculty is Guest Of Parent-Teachers

The annual reception to the Faculty of the Waldwick Public School sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the new school on Monday evening. Announcement was made of the Fall Congress of the Bergen County Council which will be held in the Woodridge High School next month.

The president, Mrs. George Nordham, spoke on "Tribute to teachers from the New Jersey PTA Bulletin." Mrs. William Riches, chairman of the program committee, presented James W. Kerr, chairman of the Waldwick Gala Day committee who spoke on three principles of the PTA, Home, School and Church, and then presented the trophy awarded the organization on Gala Day. This trophy was previously presented to Mrs. Nordham on the evening of Gala Day, by Mayor J. J. Reilly, who presented all the awards of the day. This trophy will be placed in the trophy case of the School, which is in the front hall.

The teachers on the staff were introduced by D. Frank Workman, the principal. Miss Grace Ehrhardt who has been on sick leave for three years, was welcomed back. The Bergen County WPA orchestra, under the direction of George Needham, presented a concert of several numbers which were greatly enjoyed.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the Flag and the singing of "God Bless America."

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the Class Mothers, in the kindergarten room.

## Faculty Guests At Reception By Waldwick P.T.A.

### Annual Reception to Teachers Was Held in the New School on Monday Evening

The Waldwick Parent-Teacher Association sponsored the annual reception to members of the Public School Faculty in the new public school on Monday evening. At a short business meeting, announcement was made of the Fall Congress of the Bergen County Council to be held in the Wood-Ridge High School in October. Mrs. George Nordham, the president, spoke on "Tribute to teachers from the New Jersey P. T. A. Bulletin."

Mrs. William Riches, chairman of the program committee, then introduced James W. Kerr, chairman of the Waldwick Gala Day Committee, who spoke on the PTA theme, "Home, School and Church," after which he presented the trophy won by the PTA for the best float in the parade to Mrs. Nordham. This trophy had been presented on Gala Day night by Mayor John J. Reilly who presented all the awards for the day. Mrs. Nordham in accepting the trophy asked that it be placed in the School Trophy case in the front hall of the school.

D. Frank Workman, principal of the school, introduced all the teachers, who then remained seated on the program. Miss A. Grace Ehrhardt who has been on a leave of absence for the past three years; due to illness, was welcomed back. Mr. Workman also gave an impromptu speech on new concepts.

George Needham, director of the Bergen County WPA orchestra, then presented the following numbers by the orchestra: "Katrina," comic opera; "Indian Summer," "Seven Roses," "Hungarian Dance 5-6," "The Country Garden," "Spanish March." They helped open the meeting with the playing of "God Bless America," which was followed by the Salute to the Flag.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served in the kindergarten room.

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# COUNCIL DENIES HEALTH BOARD'S BUDGET REQUEST

## Waldwick Officials Will Not Insert \$200 For Health Officer

### PROPERTY IS SOLD

Waldwick's Board of Health met with a refusal last night to have included in the 1941 Borough budget an item of \$200 to cover the salary of a health officer. The request was placed before the Borough Council in a letter from Mrs. Richard Young, secretary of the Health Board, and was supported verbally by James W. Kerr, president of the Board.

Mayor John J. Reilly told Kerr that the budget had already been made up when the Board's request was received. He said that the Council did not wish to include the item unless it was absolutely mandatory. Kerr was told that if the State health authorities demanded that a health officer be retained the Health Board can refer it to the Council and the matter would be handled as an emergency item.

The Board also saw its budget request for \$300 cut to \$260.

### MARSHAL RESIGNS

Resignation of Frank C. Holley Jr., recently inducted into the Army, as a member of the police marshal force was received. The appointment of his twin brother, T. Dale Holley, to replace him, brought about a split vote and forced Mayor Reilly to vote to break the tie in order to confirm his own appointment.

Sale of a piece of property at Bergen and Central Avenues to Mrs. Anna Hopkins of New York City for the sum of \$200 was approved.

Borough Attorney Jerome Kennedy reported that the deed for the Hewson Avenue property, transferring the tract from the Erie Railroad to the Borough, was in order. His advice that it be accepted and filed was approved.

Councilman Bush brought up the subject of the Council's policy on the use of the Municipal Building. The suggestion that a rental of \$3 for organizations of a non-profit nature was shelved, since most of these groups have been granted the facilities of the building. The Council decided, however, to issue written permission to all groups, specifying the time and date for which the use of the building is granted so that the custodian will know that the Council's approval has been granted.

Borough Engineer J. Paul Savage reported receipt of a letter from E. E. Harris, projects engineer for the State Highway Department in which it was stated that a check of \$1,049.16 had been approved for payment for the Monroe Street paving. Borough Collector Myles Marstens added that he had not received the check as yet.

# KERR SUCCEEDS MACKERLEY AS HEAD OF BOARD

## Waldwick's Health Body Reorganizes, Adopts Budget For Year

### SIME REAPPOINTED

James W. Kerr was elected president of the Waldwick Board of Health at its organization meeting last night in the Municipal Building. Kerr's election came after Daniel J. Mackerley, head of the Board for some years, declined the presidency.

Mackerley, along with Matthew F. Feeley, were reappointed to new terms on the Board this year. Mackerley resumed his seat last night, but said that he felt some other person should take the presidency, since his work made it impossible for him to attend meetings at times or to be there for the start of every meeting. Feeley was not present to resume his seat on the Board.

John J. Scully was named vice-president, Dr. Silas E. Robinson was selected as medical advisor and Wilbert E. Sime was reappointed as sanitary inspector. Mrs. Richard Young continued in office as clerk and registrar.

The Board voted to contact Dr. Sherman K. Foote of Wyckoff with the request that he serve as health officer, and to seek confirmation from the Borough Council. The Board also set up its budget for the year at \$300 with an additional \$200 for the health officer.

# Defense Council In Organization

## Committees Named to Cope With Eventualities Which Might Arise In Emergencies

The Waldwick Defense Council met in the legion hut on Franklin turnpike, Wednesday evening, when James W. Kerr, the new chairman, appointed the following committees to fully cover all emergencies which might arise in defense and be vital to civilian population: Ellsworth R. Gill with Chief of Police Frank C. Holly Sr. are to work together on an Auxiliary police force; and William R. Evans with D. Frank Workman, president of the Waldwick fire department, is to work on an auxiliary fire unit; while Dr. S. E. Robinson and Dr. Vincent W. Guidice were appointed to serve as a medical and health committee.

Postmaster James McQuilken was named in charge of all emergency units; and Vernon Y. Bush was named as chairman of the evacuation and refugee committee; A. W. Pecora will be in charge of all statistics and vital facts; former Councilman Matthew J. Feeley will be in charge of communication, telephone, telegram, teletype and radio; with Councilman Charles Jackson in charge of co-ordinating all the Junior groups.

Allendale Waldwick Ramsey  
Ho-Ho-Kus Midland Park

# Waldwick Board Of Health Urges Council To Condemn 2 Dwellings

Waldwick Board of Health decided at its meeting last night to recommend to the Borough Council tonight that two houses on Rosencrantz Lane be condemned as being unfit for human habitation.

The action was taken following reports from President James W. Kerr and Sanitary Inspector Wilbert E. Sime as to conditions at the two houses, now occupied by families.

The investigation was started recently when Mrs. Richard Young, registrar for the Board, learned that there were cases of contagion at the houses, although no physician had evidently been called in to attend the children stricken.

Kerr also reported to the Board on his attendance at the recent Council meeting when the request of the Board for funds for a health officer were turned down. The Board discussed the matter and decided that it would abide by the decision of the Council, just as long as no exception to the lack of a health officer was taken by State authorities.

The chairman also stated that he had investigated the unsanitary condition of the pedestrian underpass beneath the Erie tracks and had received assurance that it would be remedied.

Mrs. Young, reporting contagious disease cases from February 20 to March 20, listed the following:

mumps, 9; measles, 70. Her report also included 2 deaths and 1 marriage.

# DOG WHICH BIT WOMAN, RABID

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## Waldwick Woman Under Doctor's Care

Mrs. Benjamin F. Mead, 43 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick was under the care of her physician today following notification from the Waldwick Board of Health that the dog which attacked her last Friday had died yesterday afternoon showing a positive case of rabies. Health officials were investigating the neighborhood to find out if anyone else had seen the dog or had been bitten. The Waldwick Public School is in the vicinity.

Chief Frank C. Holloy of Waldwick Police Department called the Rockleigh S. P. C. A. shelter Friday afternoon to pick up a small tan dog after he had received a call from Mrs. Mead stating that the canine had bitten her on her right arm. She had attempted to stop a fight in her back yard between her cat and the rabid dog when the animal turned on her.

President James W. Kerr of the Waldwick Board of Health attempted to persuade Mrs. Mead to undergo an examination at Bergen Pines but she refused. Upon knowledge of the dog's death and rabid condition, Bergen Pines called New Jersey State Police and Troopers Peter Hausch and George Roseberry took Mrs. Mead to the County Institution. Bergen Pines released her in the custody of her physician, Dr. Frederick R. Kanning, after she received an initial treatment. Her cat is also under observation.

Up to this morning no news of other victims has been received, but authorities are still investigating to make sure no school children were bitten by the beast.

Waldwick Chairman



JAMES W. KERR

## Youth Orchestra To Play At Waldwick Exercises

### Unusual Event is Planned For Flag Day Program June 14

Public patriotic exercises will be held in the Waldwick School Auditorium next Saturday night, June 14 (Flag Day) at 8:15 o'clock when the 75 piece N. J. National Youth Administration's Symphony Orchestra will be a feature playing three selections from famous composers. In addition the NYA talking motion picture "Youth Gets A Break" will be exhibited.

Bernard S. Miller, of Newark, State Youth Administrator, will make an address on the aims and objectives of NYA and on the present opportunities offered youths of all creeds, races and sexes between the ages of 17 and 25 years, particularly in NYA Resident Centers and Workshops where they will get work experience that will skill them to be of aid to the national defense program.

James W. Kerr, Commander of the Walter Nightengale Post, No. 57, American Legion, Waldwick, will act as chairman. Other members of the American Legion from Ridgewood Post No. 53, Allendale Post No. 204, Ramsey Post No. 112, Mahwah Post No. 236 and Wyckoff Post 83 will participate in the sponsorship of the exercises, as well as members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Walter Nightengale Post 57, of Waldwick.

The fully instrumented NYA State Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by Max Goberman, formerly of the

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and conductor of the New York Sinfonietta. Betty Anne Nymann, of Teaneck, Janet Walker, of Maywood and Jane Weber of Palisade Park, will present a Dance Fantasy. These young people are pupils of the Michael Bell School for Stage Dancing, Hackensack.

The exercises are free to the public and to children under the age of 12 years when accompanied by an adult. NYA County Supervisor Patrick Henry Maley, of Hackensack, is assisting in the arrangements.

The orchestra will be entertained at a buffet luncheon to be prepared for them through the Women's Auxiliary of the Walter Nightengale Post American Legion, of which Mrs. Eva Phalen is president, and the Parent-Teacher Association, of which Mrs. Ruth Honig is president. The latter organizations are receiving donations towards this luncheon both from business places and private citizens.

Commander James W. Kerr, of Nightengale Post of the American Legion, is general chairman and will be in charge of the program on the night of the concert. Former Mayor George Nordham is co-ordinator with chairman Kerr.

The performers are between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five. The group is one of hundreds in which the famous conductor, Leopold Stokowski, has interested himself deeply. It gives an opportunity for vocational training which in this county is in charge of Patrick Henry Maley, superintendent, and Bernard S. Miller of the state youth administration office.

Admission to the concert will be free. It will start at 8 o'clock and it is expected that people from many sections will be in attendance including Allendale, Mahwah, Midland Park, Wyckoff, Ramsey and Ridgewood. The hall has a seating capacity of close to five hundred persons.

Among those who are cooperating in the program is Principal D. Frank Workman, of the public school; Principal Tinsdale of Ramsey; Commander Charles D. Baluvel, of Ridgewood Post; Commander Hugh Connelly of Wyckoff and Midland Park Post; Commander Casper Van Dien of Ramsey Post; Sherwood Buischer of Allendale Post and George C. Buhlman, of Mahwah Post.

## Defense Council Reports Response

### Questionnaires Received For Voluntary Service—Committee to Watch for Price Rises

The Waldwick Defense Council met on Wednesday evening in the office of Herman George Honig of Frederick street, when a report was received on the questionnaires which have been issued for voluntary service in defense work. The response to date has been most gratifying, and additional questionnaires may be obtained from any committee member or at the Waldwick post office, from Postmaster James McQuilken.

Mrs. Grace Kneale Mott was named as co-chairman of the consumers' interest committee, which is to watch against the exorbitant rising of prices, where it is not necessary.

Present were: Chairman James W. Kerr, Matthew J. Feeley, Herman George Honig, Councilman Charles Jackson, Councilman Ellsworth R. Bush, John J. Scully, Ellsworth R. Gill, Dr. S. E. Robinson, Chief of Police Frank C. Holley, and D. Frank Workman.

## PLAN TO GATHER ALUMINUM WARE

### Waldwick Defense Unit Awaits State Order

Preliminary plans for the collection of aluminum under instructions from the New Jersey Defense Council were discussed last night at a meeting of the Waldwick Defense Council held at the office of the secretary, Herman George Honig, on Frederick Street.

The organization was in receipt of a letter from Audley H. F. Stephan, chairman of the New Jersey Defense Council, notifying the Waldwick group of the proposed plan to collect household aluminum ware to supplement the supply of this metal, so necessary in the defense industry.

The letter further said that the plans of the state organization were not complete as yet, and instructed that the Waldwick unit await further orders before proceeding with the collection.

Accordingly, the Council issued an appeal to all Waldwick residents to be in readiness for the aluminum collection which should come shortly. The Council asked that each household conduct its own survey of its supply of aluminum utensils and donate everything that can be spared.

Expecting that orders for the collection will come through within the next few days, the Council adjourned until Tuesday night at 8 o'clock when another meeting will be held at the Honig office for the purpose of carrying out any further instructions which may be received.

Chairman James W. Kerr, speaking of the proposed collection, said that he wished to impress upon residents the absolute need for complete co-operation and the willingness to make small sacrifices.

## Letters Still Come Denouncing Move Dividing Loyalties

As time passes opposition to the plans of America First group and what it stands for seems to draw the fire of critics who fear its influences. Letters denouncing the work this committee is doing, either in part or in whole, are being written and sent to newspapers.

Following is a selection made from some of those received and in view of the disclosure already made, they are decidedly interesting and enlightening at this stage when there is danger of a division of loyalties through the too great activities of misled zealous people:

"Waldwick, N. J.,  
June 20, 1941.

"Dear Editor:

"We have every reason to believe that the followers of all-out aid to Britain and the followers of the America First Committee and the Non-Interventionists are sincere, patriotic American citizens, who are exercising their rights of free speech and assembly under the protecting shield of the Constitution.

"Both groups of followers are aware of the impending threat to our freedom and to our way of life as we know and live it, here in America. But both groups are divided on the issue of how the situation should be handled.

"Now this division between methods of procedure is a dangerous division, notwithstanding the fact that it is wholly in keeping with our democratic ideals and practices. The propaganda machine of the totalitarians, though not new as a weapon, through its expert use and world wide infiltration, can be very effectively used to "Divide and Conquer" our democracy. This fact in practice has been demonstrated with telling effect on what is left of the Free peoples of Europe.

"The America First Committee and the Non-Interventionists, in their su-

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per-human efforts to insulate and isolate America from the world as it exists today, do not consider the very welcome aid they are giving (unconsciously) to that part of our population who are propagandists for foreign powers, as well as to those citizens who are not well informed, nor articulate on current questions.

"Under the sincere ideal of NO WAR FOR AMERICA they are able to furnish and execute a most effective weapon for the deadly propaganda machine of totalitarian powers. From what has happened in Czechoslovakia, Norway and France, the evident facts of record give this method a beneficent paternalism, a false patriotism, and a perfect cooperation with the Nazi propaganda machine. This is the first stage of conquest.

"Idealism cannot be exchanged for blindness. The war in Europe, Africa, and now Asia, will not be localized simply because of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, or because as yet no bombs have reduced our cities and towns to piles of broken masonry and twisted steel, with its resulting loss of maiming of human lives.

"In an effort to define the vital issue of national unity, aid to Britain for a Good Neighbor policy as well as for our own preservation, we conclude that the method used to preserve democracy, however sincere in purpose, can in itself become our greatest threat to our own freedom and security.

### Where Danger Lurks

"Many citizens, whom I have heard, have been profoundly impressed with the efficiency of the Nazis in attaining their objectives in Europe which they term a "New Order". They have admired the outstanding creative genius of Hitler in his mass subjection, and call the democracies asleep who are not alert to his methods.

"Although not voicing approval of totalitarianism they have enough admiration and belief in its ultimate success to recommend this country's cooperation, economically and politically, with the totalitarian form of government. It is this type of argu-

James W. Kerr of Dora Avenue, was a guest speaker at the Rotary Club Luncheon at Spring Valley, N. Y., on Wednesday, October 8th. Topic was "Psychology of our Neighbors".

THURSDAY,

## Waldwick Notes

### ALUMINUM COLLECTION

The total amount of aluminum collected in the borough on July 23 and 24, under the direction of the Defense Council was 547 pounds, James W. Kerr, chairman of the Defense Council has announced. The council was assisted in their house to house canvass by the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 88, and by Clarence Hopper who drove the borough truck and by Thomas E. Butler who loaned his sound machine to assist in announcing the drive. The council is grateful to all who assisted in the drive, and also to the residents who cooperated so wholeheartedly in this project.

## Aluminum Drive Here Nets 547 lbs.

House-to-House Canvass for the Metal Was Conducted by Defense Council

James W. Kerr, chairman of the Waldwick Defense Council, Monday night announced that the actual weight of the aluminum collected in the borough on July 23 and 24, totaled the grand sum of 547 pounds.

The house to house canvass was conducted by the Defense Council, with the assistance of Troop 88, Boy Scouts of America. The first night of the drive, Thomas E. Cutler of Bergen avenue donated his time and sound machine to assist in the collection.

Clarence Hopper drove the borough truck on both evenings for the collection. Mr. Kerr, as chairman of the Defense Council, expressed sincere appreciation of the hearty response given to this drive for defense by the residents of the borough.

The aluminum is now all packed for shipment to Sea Girt, the Little White House of the State of New Jersey.

ment, plus a blind belief that tyranny will accept after it gains its immediate objectives, the friendly hand of democratic principles, which leads the remaining citizenry to accept a fatalistic attitude for the future of Democracy in Europe and elsewhere, and forces us in America towards the ideal and practices of the total state.

"Our national government, considering this vital question of propaganda, has considered it of enough importance to close both the German and Italian Consulates in the United States.

"Can we, as a united nation, whose free press and radio have kept us better informed about the World War than the nations involved can ever hope to be, afford NOT to question the practices and results of organized groups who are instrumental in moulding public opinion?

### False Front

"The answer is that every man, woman and youth, in our country should assume the job of developing a sense of intelligent definition of the issues at stake. We have the Axis record of glowing promise, followed by conquest, pillage, suppression of liberties and knowledge. This false front is disguising the real motive of world domination by a self-styled master race.

"We have our democracy! The very roots of liberty are growing in our soil. All of our traditions are those of free men. The American has always stood on his own two feet. He has always met every crisis with creative resourcefulness—his 'Yankee Ingenuity'. Now he needs conviction that he is still an America. He, multiplied by 130,000,000 of our population voices the decision that we know what to do about tyranny's "New Order." He, as an American, will continue to create an indigenous new order for ALL free men.

"Neither blindness nor suppression can lead the way.

"Cordially yours,

"JAMES W. KERR."



A painting of the late Abram L. Yonkers, borough clerk in Midland Park for 34 years, was unveiled at a ceremony Thursday night prior to the Borough Council meeting. Shown with the painting to be hung in the town's Municipal Building, are (left to right) Bergen County Freeholder Peter W. Passaro, who was mayor when Mr. Yonkers died in 1953; Mayor Garret W. Hagedorn; Mrs. Abram L. Yonkers and the artist, James Wilfrid Kerr of Waldwick. Mr. Yonkers was associated for many years with the Ridgewood Herald before it was merged with the Ridgewood News.

Thomas, 4, and Patrice, 2.

## Thompson Wins In Woman's Club Christmas Contest

WALDWICK—The American Home Department of the Woman's Club has announced winners of the Christmas door-decorating contest held over the holiday season.

L. R. Thompson, Jr., of 28 Lincoln Place was named first place winner. Others include: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mier of 23 Salrit Ave., second prize; Mrs. Clifford Hunter of 47 Stuart St., third prize. Cash prizes were awarded.

Judges of the contest were: Kenneth Norman, local florist; Mrs. Edward Bowden, president of the Garden Club; Mrs. James W. Kerr, local artist and member of the art department of the woman's Club.

Joslyn Museum, Omaha, Neb.; "Shootin' Gallery," 1972, by the Museum of New York City; "Mama-Mama-Mama," 1973, acquired by Adler Clinic, New York City. Oils, tempera and watercolors in the exhibit offer a memorable kaleidoscope of scenes from across the country, from the East to New Mexico.

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### GALERIA DEL SOL

Presents

an exhibition of paintings by

James Wilfrid Kerr

and

the late Rose Netzorg Kerr

through November

Reception

Sunday, October 26th 1 to 5 PM

206 1/2 San Felipe NW Old Town

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Painted by James Wilfrid Kerr

Galeria del Sol, Old Town, is presenting an exhibition of paintings by James Wilfrid Kerr and his wife, the late Rose Netzorg Kerr, through November.

The retrospective show offers an exciting flashback over a half century of Americana. It evokes both nostalgia and a contemporary perspective on life as glimpsed by these two exceptional artists.

Each views the subject matter from a very personal point of view, yet each work of art emerges as an expression of the warmth and affection marking their lives.

From the time the two met as young art students until the move to New Mexico, years later, their lives merged completely with unending devotion to each other and to their art.

National recognition, the acquisition of major awards, never dimmed the warmth and delight felt by Rose and Jim Kerr in their many friends.

Paintings in the show include works from all along the Eastern seaboard, from Canada to the Caribbean. Among the delightful collection is a watercolor Kerr did of his wife, as she sketched the Atlantic coastline of New Jersey.

Other paintings include Spanish moss hanging from cypress trees in South Carolina, and a windswept scene of sands in North Carolina, near the site where the Wright Brothers launched their first plane, Kerr explains.

Among Kerr's recent paintings, acquired by major collections, is his "Tourist Route," 1972, acquired by

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Painted by Rose Netzorg Kerr

## Waldwick Fusionists Aim To Throw Reillyism Out

### Waldwick Minstrel Show To Be Held Friday

Everything is in readiness for the Minstrel Show which has been staged by the Waldwick Fusion Party for the benefit of the war effort, at the school auditorium on Friday night, October 30. Every adult purchasing a ticket will receive two ten-cent stamps back. This rule does not apply to children's tickets.

The show is under the direction of Thomas Armstrong. The endmen will be James McGovern, Art Vericon, Thomas Hilton will be interlocutor. Italian folk songs will be given by Alfredo De Lucca and there will be dancing by a class of pupils of Beatrice Wilcox School of Ridgewood and a well trained chorus comprised of local talent.

### Spies, Stevenson Backed for Council

Upwards of seventy-five people attended the meeting of the Fusion Party in Waldwick held last evening at the Municipal Building. This is probably the largest anti-Reilly meeting yet conducted in that borough, and as the number represents only a portion of those in sympathy with the combined cause of the Independent and the Republican voters, it may be assumed that the turnout represented a sizeable vote and a decided threat to the Democratic powers that be.

Thomas Hilton again presided as chairman. All speeches were by Fusion representatives, and no "hecklers" were present from the opposing faction. The meeting was harmoni-

ous and a determined spirit prevailed to go to work on election day and choose either Henry A. Spies or Horace Stevenson or both for the Council. The chairman made it clear that with the two men on the board there would be a majority to oppose Mayor J. J. Reilly.

#### May Cost Borough \$12,000

Harold Green wanted to know how long it will take to put Waldwick back on a sound basis again with its \$90,000 of delinquent taxes on the books and no way to trace all of them because of a certain "nocturnal complication" which resulted in the tax books being stolen so that the borough does not know how it stands financially. In answer to a question asked as to how much it will eventually cost the borough to restore its tax records it was stated by Charles Opdyke, former councilman, that he had been told two other communities in a similar predicament had paid \$20,000 before they were through and that Waldwick's expense might reach \$12,000. It has already cost \$4,500.

#### Would Put Reilly Out

Chairman Hilton said with Spies and Stevenson on the board the improvement of the borough finances could be worked on immediately. He said the town is in a mess and it can either remain in a mess or Reilly can be thrown out.

The matter of the proposed improvement of Prospect Street, at a cost of \$12,000 came up and it was shown that this would actually cost the borough only \$712 as the rest would be paid by the state. However, it was averred no money should be spent for improvements at this time, especially on Prospect Street where there are only two houses.

#### Delinquencies Unknown

Harold Green asked how long it would take after the Fusion ticket was elected until an improvement could be expected in the administration and the reply was that work on collecting the 49 per cent of the taxes due would begin immediately. But until the records are restored it will not be known what the delinquencies in the taxes will actually be. Spies said that not only are the books missing now but one councilman was not able to get a look at them for several years, even though he was on the board.

#### Public "Gassed"

James Kerr spoke at length stating that Waldwick is set in one of the prettiest sections of the United States. He has been speaking of late of the effect of war gases and stated that the public in Waldwick has been gassed by Reilly and the Council and said the citizens have an obligation to meet and that is to make use of the golden opportunity offered for making Waldwick the town it should be.

Chairman Hilton announced that there is to be another meeting at the Municipal Hall when more live discussions will take place and then there is to be a rally on the evening before election at the school auditorium.

## Fusion Party Gets "Cold" Reception At Borough Hall

Due to a break in the steam pipes in the portion of the municipal building that is undergoing rebuilding it was impossible to heat the auditorium last evening when the Fusion Party held a meeting. There has been no heat in the building so far this fall, and it was unusually cold last evening, when those attending the meeting sat with topcoats on.

There was some discussion on how to handle Election Day on behalf of the Fusion candidates, as their location on the ballot is in the last column. There will be no published statements made by either of the candidates, Horace Stevenson and Henry A. Spies, representing respectively the Republican Club and the Independent League of Voters. They stand for general principles of good government, and at the meeting last evening invited all questions and answered to the best of their ability.

Plans for a rally on election eve were made and it was made plain to everyone that there would be heat in the public school where the rally will be held. Plans were also made for campaign work and for headquarters on Election Day, which will be in the Caruso Buildings on both sides of the Erie Railroad.

The chairman of tickets for the minstrel, Nelson Lumley, announced that the tickets were going fast and that over 200 were out. There is a rebate on the tickets of War Savings Stamps, and the tickets are priced nominally.

Thomas Hilton will present a skit entitled "Skits That Give You Fits." The minstrel will be held in the public school this evening and the committee announces that the building will be heated.

Mr. Kerr, of the publicity committee wished that the heat announcement please be printed.

## HOWE STATEMENT CAUSED CONFUSION

### No Bonds Paid Off In 1942 From General Account, He Said

In an account of the Waldwick Fusion Party meeting of Wednesday night at the Municipal Building, published last night, there appeared a statement that "no bonds of the borough had been paid off in the last 10 years".

Leopold Pardo is said to have made the statement and in the story, furnished by James W. Kerr, publicity chairman for the Fusion Party, the statement was credited to Councilman Kenneth Howe, chairman of the finance committee of the Borough Council.

Kerr said last night the story has caused Howe some embarrassment. He did speak on the subject, Kerr said, but actually said: "Last year no bonds were paid off from the general account."

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Waldwick's Problem

In Waldwick to get the vote of the Italian-American people has become a political move just before all elections. The present administration has led the Italian-American voters of Waldwick into believing that it is their interpreter of the Federal Government of the United States, the U. S. Treasury, the U. S. Employment office, the Courts, and all authority rolled into one. With all this assumed power, this administration points out that if the Italian-American vote goes in its direction, the Chief of Police of Waldwick will be an Italian-American citizen. This job is held out as bait for the Italian-American vote.

But—has their ever been an Italian-American Chief of Police in Waldwick.

This becomes the same old racket of fear and favor to retain power.

At this coming election on Tuesday in Waldwick, every Italian-American Citizen must know that he is living in a free country where there is still a free ballot. He also must know that his sons are fighting to keep the vote free in a free America.

He must feel free from intimidation, he must feel free from any obligations to use his vote to pay for surplus food commodities or jobs he received through the office of the Mayor. This help extended to those who needed it is the job of any Mayor, elected by the people in any town, borough or city in the United States, and carries with it no obligation to be paid for by a vote. We must be freed from the power of little dictators.

Use your votes, as your sons are using their bullets Blast the Reilly regime out of existence.

JAMES W. KERR.

John Shedler, Boxer Freed on \$2500 Bail

John Shedler, a boxer residing on the Franklin Turnpike, who is a Paterson News-P. B. A. golden gloves champion, was arrested and lodged in the Bergen County jail on Thursday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, charged with an attempted assault. His bail was fixed at \$2,500. He furnished this later and was released. The complainant was Henry Ulmer of Ramsey, who made the charge in behalf of his daughter. The arrest was made by Sergeant Russell Litchuit and Officer Richard Perry of the Waldwick police department.

Waldwick Notes

Mrs. J. Davis of Brooklyn, is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brondum of Franklin Turnpike.

Private Anthony Salafia of Prospect Street, is now with the 602nd Field Artillery Service Battery at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ipsen of White's Lane was christened Magdalena Dorothea on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Herbert W. Gee, minister of the Waldwick Reformed church. George Weageleine, of Jamaica, Long Island, and Miss Marie Ratjen of Staten Island were attendants. A reception was held later at the Ipsen home and present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Barth, great-grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. John Barth Jr., grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. James Donnelly, James and Grace Donnelly, Carl Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barth and son Vincent of Jamaica, L. I., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waageleine, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Broderick of Brooklyn; Mrs. Alice Cronk, Harry White of Midland Park; Mrs. Helen Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. George White of Waldwick; Mrs. May Davill, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes and son Richard of Brooklyn.

Christmas gifts were packed for local boys in service at the home of Mrs. James W. Kerr of Dora Avenue on Wednesday night by the Woman's Legion Auxiliary and the members of the PTA.

Mrs. Martha Diamond of Highwood Avenue, entertained on Wednesday for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford of Jersey City and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bush of Ocean Grove.

Bundles of newspapers were picked up yesterday throughout the borough for the Salvage committee of the Civilian Defense. Herman George Honig, salvage committee chairman was in charge.

The Reformed Church held its annual Hallowe'en party at the church on Thursday night. Prizes were won by Tracy Lewis and George Bunning. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

U. S. O. COLLECTS \$751

Mrs. Frank C. Holley, chairman of the Waldwick U. S. O., announces the sum of \$751.70 collected to date toward the \$850 quota. Plans for another benefit dance were made at a meeting held on Wednesday night at the Municipal building. Tentative date is December 5th.

DEMOCRATS HOLD DANCE

The Democratic Club of Waldwick, held a successful masquerade dance last night in the Municipal Building. Elwynn Skiff, entertainment committee chairman, was in charge.

MAYBE WHINE HAS GONE TO MAYOR REILLY'S HEAD

Mayor Reilly is circulating a long statement to Waldwick voters. His involved justification of his reign as Waldwick's head man is too long to print, but we do touch upon his fabricated account of one incident:

According to Reilly:

"Such political prestige as I do possess is always used in the interest of Waldwick and its taxpayers. Contrast this with the 'Ridgewood News' which has attempted to ridicule me for no other reason than because you elected me Mayor of the Borough of Waldwick. Have they been able to point to a single incident or a single act of my administration that has not been in the best interest of Waldwick? I believe that in all fairness that I should tell you, that twelve months ago the 'Ridgewood News' sent its

representative to me and promised its support of the ticket supported by me, in return for its being named as the official publication of the Borough of Waldwick. I told them that I could not do this, and Mr. Fishler sent back the reply that he would make me do it before he was through with me, — that he would take 100% of advertising costs from this Borough or he would not take anything. This was his ultimatum to me, and this is the reason he is not attempting to bring your Borough into ridicule."

What Really Happened:

This newspaper has never sent a representative to Mayor Reilly for any other purpose than to get the news of Waldwick.

On the Saturday morning before election, 1941, one of Reilly's men, Charles Black, an attorney with offices on Franklin Ave., Ridgewood, called at this office for an interview with the editor. Black stated that Mayor Reilly would allow this newspaper half the Waldwick legal advertising if the newspaper would pull its editorial punches. The editor replied that this newspaper was not interested in half the legal, or all the legal, or any legal, if they were offered for any reason beyond the fact that they would be seen by more Waldwick readers than in any other paper. The editor further stated that the editorial for the next day (Sunday's paper) was in type that it strongly opposed Reilly, and that under no circumstances would it be changed.

The facts are that this newspaper is not dependent upon the le-

gal advertising of any municipality which it serves, and the editor is familiar with those local officials who use the withholding of legal advertising as a club over the heads of some editors for preferred editorial treatment.

This newspaper is not responsible for the two fires in the Waldwick municipal building. This newspaper did not invent the late lamented Stella. This newspaper did not steal the borough tax books nor is it responsible for any of the weird happenings which have bedeviled the Mayor and his government.

This newspaper is not responsible for the Waldwick tax rate—over Six Dollars—nor is it responsible for the fact that Waldwick taxpayers are not paying their taxes.

The Mayor is the head man in Waldwick and like any other commander is responsible for any acts of omission or commission which transpire under his stewardship.

—THE EDITOR

Fusionists Complain Of Cold Building 11/1/42

Many complaints have been heard over the fact that there was no heat in the Municipal building of Waldwick on Wednesday evening, when the Fusion Party held a meeting there. The reason given for the lack of heat was that the connections have not yet been made with the new building now in course of reconstruction following one of the borough's fires, last April.

Plans were made for a rally to be held tomorrow, Monday, evening, at the Public School auditorium at which the two candidates, Henry Spies and Horace Stevenson will be heard as well as other speakers. Chairman Thomas Hilton reports that there will positively be heat in the school building for this meeting and the public is invited to attend and hear the election issues discussed.

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"ROLL OUT THE BARREL"

Apparently the theme song of the Reilly faction of Waldwick in their fight against political extinction is "Roll Out The Barrel." A grand old fashioned rally, with free beer is to be held Monday night.

Waldwick voters will receive this morning a long defense of the Reilly administration. It makes interesting reading. A year ago his honor the Mayor claimed credit for everything. This year somebody else "done it" with their little bow and arrow.

About the only good thing in the statement from his Honor, is a half pledge to retire from Waldwick politics. This would be good news indeed for the taxpayers of Waldwick, even though it comes about ten years too late.

THE EDITOR



HENRY A. SPIES



HORACE STEVENSON

### English Answers James Kerr

11/1/42

Recorder Frank W. English, of Waldwick, submits the following as his opinion regarding the issues to be decided at the election next Tuesday:

"I have been reading with much interest the news articles appearing in the papers relative to the political problems confronting the residents of the Borough of Waldwick. I refer particularly to two articles written by Mr. James Kerr who criticized the function of the Police Department and the attitude of the council insofar as the residents who have joined the armed forces are concerned.

"Specifically referring to the scenario written article relative to the activities of the police, this item could only have been written by a person ignorant of fact and grasping for something disparaging to say to possibly embarrass the administration or perhaps it was an attempt on Mr. Kerr's part to entertain the Borough residents with a little idle prattle. Therefore, this particular phase does not merit space or consideration.

"In his same article appearing in the Sunday News under date of October 4, he accuses the council of being discourteous—perhaps if approached in a courteous manner they might feel disposed to treat the individual in the same way—he claims they are rebuilding the council chambers (Just before election) to display their efficiency—if they didn't Mr. Kerr would be the first to howl inefficiency. Mr. Kerr claims they are spending too much of the taxpayers money—causing the taxpayer to pay through the nose—so to speak.—Two weeks later—in the Sunday News dated 10,18,42 Mr. Kerr suggests that the council dig into the

coffers of the Borough Treasury—something that the council has no right to do, and contribute to the boys in the service. Then in another instance he suggests that the council refrain from butting into the situation and permit the civic bodies of the town to take care of the civic problems of this nature—Mr. Kerr please be consistent.

"There are plenty of answers to each and every one of Mr. Kerr's questions and remarks contained in this article and it is a fact that the administration has been faced with some very trying incidents, none of which they could possibly be held responsible or accountable for, but this much must be said—they have stuck to their guns as true leaders always

do—they didn't quit or resign when the going became tough as you did the defense council Mr. Kerr.

FRANK W. ENGLISH

### on Votes

11/1/42

### A Word for Waldwick Italian-American Folks

To the Italian-American People of Waldwick and the Editor of the Sunday News:

If I were an Italian-American, living in the country of my adoption, I would resent being called or referred to as a "guinea" or "wop", most violently, and among all decent people the practice is dying out.

The history of the Italian people names such statesmen as Mazzini and Garibaldi, who were among the most outstanding in their fight for freedom for the common man. The members of the Waldwick Marconi Club selected the name Marconi to honor this Italian scientist who gave to the world modern radio communication.

Twenty years ago, Mussolini, the military politician, attempted to change the Italian people. He tried to show them that they did not have dignity as a people. He preached the glories of past military conquests. He promised that he would make the world respect Italian Empire. This idea spread to Italians who would accept it all over the world.

But Mussolini was not honest. It was he, Mussolini, who wanted power with a great army and navy. He fooled the Italian people into believing that they could gain a dignity, which through their great heritage they already possessed. But what happened? A liberty loving, free people was formed into a controlled state, in which all individual rights were lost, and the people existed for the state, and the state was Mussolini.

#### Produced Great Men

The Italians have produced such great men as Virgil, Petrarck, and Dante, great poets; Galileo, the astronomer; Leonardo, Raphael, and Titian, great painters; Michelangelo, painter, sculptor and architect who designed the great dome of St. Peters! In the field of music, we have only to mention Verdi, Caruso, and Toscan-

money more than the taxpayers of Waldwick.

#### Police Department

"Reillyism" has also given us a Police Department—one indeed to be proud of. It comprises a countless number of marshals whose sole qualification for appointment, in most cases, is political expediency. The greater the number the greater the influence on Election Day although, of course, you and I are not expected to realize this. A few of these marshals decided we had to have a police car so one was obtained in the most sordid manner, which proved to us beyond a doubt the kind of a Police Department we have to be proud of. But did they give the car to the borough after obtaining it under the auspices of the Police Department—No!—They offered to lend it to us as long as they are our police officials and so long as we would pay its operating expenses.

So after eleven years of "Reillyism" we have higher taxes and a borrowed police car.

There can be no question but Waldwick's only hope for the future is in its men who can think for themselves and who are willing to assume the grave responsibility racing all of us.

The Fusion Party proudly offers you two such men in the persons of Henry A. Spies and Horace Stevenson. Both are experienced business men, well trained to handle the financial problems of Waldwick. Both have high ideals and are ambitious in their hopes for Waldwick.

Waldwick's fate is in your hands! Vote for Spies and Stevenson in the last column of the voting machine on Election Day.

CHARLES E. OPDYKE

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#### Mr. Opdyke's Statement

The statement in full is as follows:  
Fellow Residents of Waldwick:

Just a year ago you received a handbill headed "Reillyism" in which the present administration of our borough took "credit" for practically everything that has happened in or to Waldwick since its settlement. Of course, they omitted to mention their costly blunders, their lack of business efficiency and their downright inefficiency in the conduct of municipal affairs—all these things in this political hodgepodge known as "Reillyism" they forgot to mention, but I repeat, they themselves took credit for practically everything and so they, and they alone, get the "credit" for the state of affairs as they are today. In last year's handbill they concluded with the promise of a \$4.25 tax rate for 1942 if "Reillyism" were continued. Well you, the voters of Waldwick, undoubtedly relying in good faith on this promise, permitted "Reillyism" to continue and what did you get? A tax rate of \$6.01 instead of the \$4.25 promised and all of you by now must know how much more "Reillyism" cost you in 1942 over 1941, but if you don't just compare your tax bills—compare your tax bills for the past ten years and then you will realize that "Reillyism" has cost you. Worse, though, is the fact that you are going to pay for "Reillyism" for years to come.

#### Tax Situation

And now, after claiming to be responsible for everything that happened in Waldwick, "Reillyism" is trying to excuse itself from responsibility for the high taxes and blames you because you haven't paid your taxes.

It is true that our high taxes are your fault, but not for the reason offered by Mayor Reilly, but for having permitted "Reillyism" to remain in control of our affairs for eleven years. We certainly should resent his claim that our taxes are high because certain taxes are unpaid and he must think we are very stupid to expect us to forget that during the past eleven years his administration has repeatedly spent more money than was provided in the budget, postponed payments of our debts and increased our debts even beyond the legal limit, and after all that he has the nerve to say—its your fault—you don't pay your taxes promptly.

Of course taxes must be collected and the effort to collect must not be postponed any longer, but if "Reillyism" had thought more of the future and the inevitable reckoning during the long years of its administration, taxes would not be so high now and would, therefore, be less of a problem to collect.

The Mayor himself admits there is over \$50,000.00 taxes uncollected this year. This is not unusual for Waldwick because it has been going on for years, but what has "Reillyism" done about it? It tossed away \$12,000.00 of your money on foreclosures of worthless property claiming that this would cure our delinquent tax bills, but we are still just as sick. However, it did help boost the income of "Reillyism's" bosom pal attorney Black and kept him on the borough's payroll even though he was no longer Borough Attorney. So we should feel quite philanthropical about it as poor Lawyer Black may have needed the

ini. And Columbus! The man who gave us America! The list of illustrious Italians is too long to mention. A people of this calibre did not have to have dignity thrust upon them. It belongs to them.

When Italian immigrants came to this country, naturally they had language difficulties. They could not wait to learn the English language and American customs, and then earn a living. They had to earn a living first, and then learn the language of their adopted country. They lived by themselves, and formed into small colonies. Unthinking and prejudiced Americans began to look on the Italian-Americans as different.

I don't know how any other name than "Italian" got started, but I do know these names are the language of ignorance, prejudice, and narrow mindedness and they are passing out. Anyone using these name, is not only being impolite, but also very un-American.

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Nov-1942

# Stevenson, Spies, Fusion Candidates, Win Council Posts

Defeated Vernon Y. Bush and Elmer DeMase in Vigorously Contested Election

## Fusion Parade Marks Victory At Polls

Fusion Party Has 4 to 2 Majority on Council to Organize On January 1st

Horace Stevenson and Henry A. Spies, Fusion candidates, were elected to full terms on the Waldwick Borough Council at Tuesday's election, after one of the hardest-fought political campaigns waged in Waldwick in many years, which however, brought out only a total of 1,010 voters out of a registry of 1,500.

Spies, high man in the balloting, polled 339 votes in the First District and 166 in the Second for a total of 505. Stevenson polled 335 votes in the First District and 158 votes in the Second for a total of 493.

Vernon Y. Bush and Elmer E. DeMase, the defeated candidates, both were endorsed by the Democratic party in the borough. Bush polled 175 votes in the First District and 270 in the Second for a total of 445. DeMase polled 171 votes in the First District and 268 in the Second for a total of 439.

The Fusion Party and its followers staged a huge parade and party on Tuesday evening at which they celebrated their victory of the election.

With the election of Henry A. Spies and Horace Stevenson on the Fusion party the personnel of the official family on January 1, will have the majority as both Councilman Kenneth Howe and Councilman William E. Ward are aligned with the Fusionists.

Mayor John J. Reilly, who has served eleven years in his present office will be left with Democratic Councilmen John J. Carlin and Matthew F. Feeley. Mayor Reilly stated in this campaign that he would not seek re-election due to his business obligations.

The Fusion Party is made up of members of the Republican Club and of the Independent League of Voters, who were mostly Democrats who withdrew from the regular Democratic party.

The leaders of the Fusion Party are former Councilman Charles E. Opdyke, James W. Kerr, James J. McGovern, John Pick, former Chief of Police, and George Christman Jr. Thomas Hilton is president of the Party.

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# Waldwick Voters Elect Fusion Party Candidates

Administer Defeat To Reillyites in Heated Election

After one of the bitterest political battles yet fought in the Borough of Waldwick, the so-called Reilly ticket was roundly defeated at Tuesday's election and the candidates put up by the Fusion party won by very decisive majorities.

Henry A. Spies and Horace Stevenson defeated the two Democratic candidates, Vernon Bush and Elmer E. DeMase, the totals being as follows: Spies, 505, Stevenson 493; Bush 445, DeMase, 439.

In District No. 1 648 votes were cast and in District No. 2 the number cast was 362.

Spies on the Fusion ticket received 339 in the First district and 166 in the second; Stevenson received 335 in the first district and 158 in the second.

On the Democratic ticket Bush received 175 in the First district and 270 in the Second, while DeMase received 171 in the First and 268 in the Second district.

### Victors Celebrate

The result had its effect on both winners and losers. The Fusionist group, comprised of Independents and Republicans who banded together for this struggle, were naturally pleased over the result and held a spontaneous parade and celebration at a nearby restaurant following the counting of the vote. Gloom settled over the usual rendezvous of the Democratic group for despite the fact that the dwindling of Reilly supporters had been noticeable for some time that group expected to meet with success. After the results became known it was freely stated on every hand that the recent happenings in the borough undoubtedly had much to do with the defeat of the Mayor's coterie.

### Breaks Reilly's Hold

The result also breaks the 11-year unbroken control of Reilly over the

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# Waldwick Voters Elect Fusion Men 1942

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board for Spies and Stevenson will join with Ward an Independent, on the board, and also with Kenneth Howe, the only Republican on the board at present. They are both connected with the Fusionists at the present time.

Reilly and Councilmen John Carlin and Matthew Feeley will be the Democrats left.

The Fusion party was a merger of the League of Independent Voters of Waldwick and the Waldwick Republican Club. Thomas Hilton is the president and among the leaders is the former Councilman Charles E. Opdyke, James Kerr who recently broke openly with Reilly, George Christman Jr., James McGovern and the former police chief, John Pick.

The total number of ballots cast was 1,010, the total number cast in District 1 being 648 and in District 2 the total was 362.

The vote for council by districts was:

Henry A. Spies	339	166	505
Horace Stevenson	335	158	493
Vernon Y. Bush	175	270	445
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Spies and Stevenson will take seats vacated by Councilmen Ellsworth R. Bush, brother of Vernon Y. Bush, and Henry Van Hull, both of whom did not seek re-election.

The newly elected members, who will wrest the power from Reilly will take their seats in the Council on January 1.

# Fusionists In Saddle at Waldwick

## Stiff Squalls Mark Naming of Officials

Marked by several intense situations which broke out every few minutes in open quarrels and vituperations, the meeting of the Mayor and Council of Waldwick, on Friday evening, proved to be one of the most dramatic and at the same time important sessions of that body which is known for its occasional flare-ups.

The "highlight" came after adjournment when a citizen pointed a finger at Mayor John J. Reilly, and the latter displayed his resentment by raising his fists and threatening to punch the nose of anybody who dared to do that.

The numerous incidents which threatened to wreck the meeting several times involved the vetoing of appointments—the appointment of an attorney, the naming of new marshals, the selection of a recorder, the granting of a leave of absence to Tax Collector Myles Maratene, and finally accusations by the Mayor that the Fusionists had injected religion into government affairs. And the latter was the loudest if not the most important argument of all.

Standing room only was available when the meeting opened and a rough guess might be that sixty per cent of those in the audience were Fusionists and forty per cent Democrats. All councilmen, Messrs. Howe, Feeley, Carlin, Spies, Ward and Stevenson were present.

### Two Vetoes Read

Two veto messages, submitted by Reilly were read by Clerk Charles Bearce, both indicating that there was trouble ahead. The first, against the payment of telephone bills of the

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Mr. Shuart collected from March 17th through April, May, June and July 6th about four months the amount of \$26,508.59. Mrs. Algozzini collected from July 7th through to August 31st about two months the amount of \$37,409.23. In other words the daily rate of collection for Mr. Shuart was \$237.00 a day and the daily rate of collection for Mrs. Algozzini the present tax collector, was \$668.00 a day or about \$3.00 for every \$1.00 collected by the Reilly Party collector. Mrs. Algozzini is a candidate for election.

The unknown contributor of this article makes much ado about the Federal Housing Administration, Mortgage Institutions, Utility Companies making their regular quarterly payments that are never delinquent. Well! Why brag about it? Is he inferring that the Federal Housing Administration, Mortgage Institutions, and Utility Companies would be delinquent unless he, Mayor Reilly or his appointee, personally collected these taxes?

## Fusionists In Saddle at Waldwick

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Mayor, councilmen, borough clerk, recorder, chief marshal, general utility man and fire chief, stated that if this is done the officials should be compelled to present statements showing what calls are made for borough business. The second was a veto of the proposed changes in salaries, the appointment of a water clerk and the appointing of a recorder for five years at a salary of \$1 a year. Both vetoes were received and filed.

### Inspect Tax Collector's Office

Martin Fowler, county investigator, and two representatives from the office of the county prosecutor, were on hand and when Auditor Allan McBride was called for a report, he stated it was Mr. Fowler's desire to look over the office of the collector and to examine the safe and vault under the guidance of an officer or councilman. The board named the finance chairman, Kenneth Howe, to act as escort and Collector Maratene also went with the party to the second floor where the collector's office is located. The place had been under guard since Maratene was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement. After the inspection it was decided to continue the guard at the office, twenty-four hours a day, until a temporary collector has been named by the Mayor. It was also decided to place the new combination of the safe and vault in the custody of Chairman Howe.

### Gaeta New Attorney

Sebastian Gaeta, counsellor at law, was proposed as attorney. A resolution naming him was passed but it was found that this would have to be signed by the Mayor. He ordered Gaeta to keep his seat or he would have him removed. The resolution then was rescinded and a motion was passed in its place, after which Gaeta was promptly sworn in by the clerk. Reilly commended the work of Jerome Kennedy, the outgoing counsel. Applause was given Kennedy. Mr. Gaeta assured the council and all present that he would gladly advise them in their legal problems involving the borough as he had no "axe to grind" and would serve all alike.

### Pick Chief Marshal

John Pick was named "marshal to be designated as the chief marshal," the vote being, as in all other cases, the Fusionists against the two Democrats.

The marshals appointed on a resolution offered

Reilly shot back that he had witnessed and asked Hilton if he would face Maratene and James Kerr with his denial. Maratene had already left the building and the matter was dropped until after the meeting. The collector willingly came back and an open argument ensued.

Hilton explained he had tried to help Maratene in his difficulty and advised him not to spend money if it did him no good. He, Hilton, and Kerr and Maratene, then went to the Civil Liberties Union in New York, where they met a circuit lawyer Mc-Nerney. From that point on matters seemed so jumbled that it was impossible to tell whether it was Mc-Nerney who had suggested that the Bishop be contacted, or the bishop's son, who is associated with the Civil Liberties League. The argument waxed hot. A statement from the League was read as the Waldwickians gathered around. Several openly and violently denounced Reilly for injecting religion into the business of the council and as one man pointed his finger at Reilly. The Mayor raised his fist shouting, "Don't you point at me you..." but the Mayor's wife held him back and others pulled back the accuser. So there was no fight and some disappointment. The conference continued with Reilly maintaining that a man who was going to bring religion into the political arena would not be a fit man to have for recorder to dispense justice. Hilton and Kerr again averred that they meant merely to give Maratene kindly advice and denied any plan to start a crusade against Reilly and the local government through a bishop.

### Armstrong Water Agent

Thomas Armstrong, a leader in the Fusion movement, was appointed water clerk at a salary of \$400 a year. This post had formerly been combined with the job of tax collector and the total salary was \$1,700. The next collector will receive \$1,200.

A resolution demanding that hereafter Mayor Reilly give notice to the president of the council, William Ward, when he is going out of town for more than three days. The Mayor said he would comply.

### Salary Ordinance

The Fusion Party Councilmen passed another salary provision as an ordinance.

Salaries are: Attorney, \$100 and fees; collector, \$1,200; clerk, \$750; auditor, \$500 general, \$50 water department; tax searching, 25 per cent of fees; municipal budget.

If eight months of the Fusion group has driven the Reilly Party to hiding behind an unsigned article, the Reilly Party must see the handwriting on the wall.

(Signed)

WALDWICK FUSION PARTY  
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

James W. Kerr,  
Publicity Chairman.

# Waldwick Fusion Nominates Hilton For Mayor Election

Ward And Howe, Councilmen, Recommended For Re-election With Recorder

Recorder Thomas Hilton of Waldwick was today named as the mayoralty candidate for the Borough's Fusion Party in the General Election.

Councilmen William E. Ward and Kenneth Howe will be sponsored for re-election.

The candidate for Tax Collector will be Mrs. Elvira Algozzini.

They will be backed as independent candidates at the Primary Election and will oppose the Democrats at the General Election. There are no Republican candidates.

The Democrats have again nominated Mayor John J. Reilly to head their ticket and have endorsed Councilmen Vernon Y. Bush and Elmer De Mase for re-election.

At the present time the Fusion organization controls the Borough Council by a 4 to 2 vote.

The new Mayoralty candidate has long been active in local affairs and is president of the Fusion Party.

Named as campaign manager was James J. McGovern. Publicity chairman will be James W. Kerr.

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# Fusion Party Backs Hilton For Mayor

Slate Also Includes Mrs. Algozzini For Collector

The Fusion Party last night for the first time released their slate for election.

Thomas Hilton, president of the Fusion Party and also borough recorder, will be the party's choice for Mayor. Mrs. Elvira Algozzini will be candidate for tax collector, with Councilmen William E. Ward and Kenneth Howe seeking re-election sponsored by the Fusion Party.

James J. McGovern will be campaign manager and James W. Kerr publicity chairman.

### APOLOGIES TO SHUART

A typographical error, in a letter written by James W. Kerr, which appeared in the Readers Say column of the Sunday News, last edition, caused a wrong impression to be given as to tax collections. A correction was set for a line beginning "Mrs. Algozzini collected, from July 7," but the correction was placed in the paragraph above it which should have read "Mr. Shuart collected from March 17" and was thus made to give credit to Mrs. Algozzini instead of Shuart. The mistake was made in this office and not by Mr. Kerr.

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## Readers Say

*Ridgewood News*  
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Letters must give the name and address of the writer, but we will withhold such information when requested to do so. We invite your contribution. (Ed.)

### TAKES UP REILLY

Editor The Sunday News;  
Dear Sir:

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JAMES W. KERR,  
publicity chairman,  
Waldwick Fusion Party  
Campaign Committee.

# Fusionists Rap Democrats for Recent Statement

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When approached on the question of running for the office of Mayor Mr. Reilly gently whispered, "Go away a little closer." After refusing, Mr. Reilly relented. He could not withstand the pressure of political business. The nameless contributor further states that no application has been filed with the state for any street project. This gentle left hand dig at Councilman Ward indicates that the Mayor does not know there is a war going on. The armed forces are using the gasoline that we are doing without, consequently with rationed gasoline the state has less taxes to be used for highway improvement. The man-power shortage and the usual pre-election applications will make a neat problem for anyone, even for Mayor Reilly.

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## Kerr Paintings To Be Exhibited

Waldwick Artist's Work Recognized

Two paintings by James W. Kerr have been accepted for exhibition at the New Jersey Artists thirteenth annual show at the Montclair Museum. They are "Crucifixion, 1942," done in oil on canvas, and "Death is My Ally," painted in oil on mahogany. Two juries select the paintings, for the exhibition, a "right" jury which passes on the more conservative paintings, and a "left" jury which judges the modern art. Mr. Kerr's paintings were submitted to the "left" jury.

"Crucifixion, 1942" won favorable

# Waldwick Attacks Low Tax on Mill

## Protest Filed Asks Full Investigation

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Determined to have a thorough investigation into the tax appraisal on the property of the Meadox Weaving Company, located in Waldwick, a large group of citizens has retained Sebastian Gaeta as attorney, to file a complaint with William D. Kelly, State Commissioner of Taxes, at Trenton, asking that the property be reassessed in substantial compliance with the law.

While Attorney Gaeta is borough attorney in Waldwick, this action is being taken independent of the municipality, by citizens who feel that the silk mill, land and building, is under-appraised. They are asking that hearings be held in the Municipal Building in Waldwick and experts on taxation be permitted to testify as to their estimate what the true assessment should be.

In the complaint it is stated that the Meadox Weaving Company, Inc., is the owner of lots Number 1 and 10 in Block 128, and a photograph

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like the one which appeared in the newspapers shows the character and extent of the buildings, the measurements of which are given as 275 by 210 feet.

### "True Value"

It is set forth that for 1943 the land has been assessed at \$1,000, the building at \$5,000 and the per-



SEBASTIAN GAETA

sonal tax \$1,000, making a total of \$7,000 and that on August 11, the firm filed an appeal with the Bergen County Board of Taxation asking that the assessment be reduced "to the true value of the property," which is given as \$1,000 for the land, \$2,500 for the buildings, and no personal property value whatsoever, making a total of only \$3,500.

It is pointed out that "annexed said petition was a statement written by John J. Reilly, mayor of the Borough of Waldwick in behalf of the said Meadox Weaving Co., Inc." and that Mayor Reilly appeared before the Bergen County Board of Taxation and at the conclusion of the hearing the local assessor was given to understand that his assessment for 1943 would be reduced to \$3,500 that "the total amount of taxes paid by the said Meadox Weaving Co. Inc. in the year 1942 amounted to only \$210.35 and that is all the said Meadox Weaving Co. is willing to pay."

### Summary

The following summary of the assessments made by the present local assessor from the year 1925 to date, is given in the complaint:

"Although, since 1935 the buildings have been improved and considerable new machinery has been substituted in place of obsolete machinery and other machinery, equipment and stock has been added, the assessments on said property has been reduced instead of being increased as required by law.

"Said Meadox Weaving Co. Inc., employs approximately two hundred men and women and is now busily engaged in War Production Work.

"The undersigned taxpayers of the Borough of Waldwick are overburdened with increased taxes and the tax rate for the year 1943 is 6.85 as compared with the tax rate of 5.18 for the year 1925, while the assessment on the said Meadox Weaving property has been reduced instead of increased.

"Said property has been assessed

at a rate lower than is consistent with the purpose of securing uniform and true valuation of property for the purpose of taxation.

"As shown in Paragraph 8 of this complaint, said property has not been assessed in substantial compliance with the law and the interests of the taxpayers and public will be promoted by a reassessment of said property.

"Wherefore, the undersigned taxpayers pray that the State Commissioner make forthwith a due investigation of the real and personal property of the said Meadox Weaving Co. Inc. as aforesaid for the purpose of making a reassessment of said property undervalued in accordance with the laws of taxation in this State."

### Rates Reveal Rises

The tabulation shows that when the building was owned by Katterman & Mitchell in 1925, the tax rate in the borough was 5.18, the land was assessed \$1,600, the mill buildings at \$15,000, and the personal property at \$36,000. In 1932 the tax rate was 5.20, the land was valued at \$2,800, the buildings at \$40,000 and the personal property at \$30,000. In 1935 the rate became 4.95, the land valuation remained the same, the building valuation was reduced to \$25,000, from \$40,000, and personal to \$9,250, from \$30,000. Parenthetically it is stated that in 1926 the county board reduced the personal property from \$50,000 to the sum of \$30,000.

When the Alaurey Holding Corporation operated the place as the Vogue Pattern Company, in 1935 the tax rate was 5.00, the land was appraised at \$1,000, the building at \$2,500 and no valuation at all was placed on the personal property. This was while Reilly was Mayor. The tax rate rose in 1936 to 5.30, in 1937 to 5.63, in 1938 to 6.20 and in 1939 to 6.67. In the year of 1939 the appraisal of the building was \$15,000.

### Meadox Company

When the Meadox Company took over in 1940 the tax rate was 5.55, the land valuation \$1,000, the building valuation \$15,000 and there was no value on the machinery. In 1941 the tax rate was 5.07 and the building valuation was brought down to \$2,500 from \$15,000. In 1942 the tax rate jumped to 6.01. This year the rate is 6.85, the land is valued at \$1,000, the building at \$5,000 and the machinery and equipment at \$1,000.

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## Let Junior Play with Firearms If It Brings Out the Creative in Him, Kerr

There's feminine influence in all art, and some artistry in all women, James W. Kerr, prominent Waldwick artist, implied in a "Mr. and Mrs." question-and-answer program at the June meeting of Allendale Woman's Club Friday. Mrs. Kerr questioned. Mr. Kerr answered, to the delight of 40 members and guests. Art department was the host.

During the business meeting Mrs. B. Perry Hamilton, president, announced the names of the department chairman for 1948-49: Art, Mrs. S. E. Staines, assisted by Mrs. L. R. McPeck, Building, Mrs. William C. Forbes, Civic and legislation, Mrs. D. M. Colburn, Education and youth, Mrs. Charles Beaver, Hospitality, Mrs. Christ Scherer, Literature, Mrs. Minous Cannon.

Membership, Mrs. Gurdon Simmons, Music, Mrs. Forbes, Welfare, Mrs. Nils Spilling, Counselors to Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Frank Bergan and Mrs. William Previdi, Evening Department, Mrs. R. A. Dietert. Additional officers are to be appointed.

The budget for next year was read and a proposal to raise dues from \$2.50 to \$4 a year was discussed. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. H. C. Preston reported on the recent Federation Convention in Atlantic City.

Art is not expressed solely with oils, tempera and clay on canvas, illustration board and the sculptor's modeling table, according to Mr. Kerr. "Everyone is potentially an artist. A woman expresses art in the kitchen in the manner in which she prepares family meals that appeal both to eye and appetite; in every room in her home by her arrangement of pattern and color in furnishings and decorations; in her personal attire by her dress and accessories."

Ironically, it was the male who dressed colorfully, gaudily in bygone days. Now man's greatest indulgence in color is in his neckwear, Kerr said.

### Sees Art Everywhere

"There's art everywhere in our everyday life. Unfortunately mass production has made art impersonal. We popularize patterns borrowed from

the Islanders because of their brightness and general appeal, without knowing the significance the designs have for those from whom they were taken."

Speaking of the crying need of American business for designers, Mr. Kerr urged that children be encouraged in creative self-expression. A young boy's love for fire arms does not necessarily mean that he's doomed to a career of gangsterism. It is an aspect of his creative instinct.

As a matter of fact, in the Kerr home, "Junior" is encouraged to design his own weapons, with astonishing consequences at times. Disappearance of the flit gun often means that a new super-atomic weapon is in the course of creation by young Kerr. Whirr of an egg beater in the backyard indicates an improved tommy-gun is receiving firing tests.

Mr. Kerr recommended that the American Legion and other organizations interested in youth support art-for-children activities; that the Woman's Club contribute "a good picture" a year for hanging in the school; that even churches relieve decorative severity by recessed shadow boxes.

This locality in particular, he said, is rich in art subjects and artistic talents. It is somewhat unfortunate that we are so near metropolitan art treasures as to be indifferent to our own wealth of subjects.

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RAMSEY HIGH GIRLS PULL STRINGS



GAIL KORT

JAMES W. KERR

GLENDA ARENTZEN

These Ramsey High School girls string along with their marionettes for the benefit of Kerr, a Waldwick artist, at a reception in the public library last night. It's all part of an exhibit of the

work of High School art students, which includes the paintings in the background. The exhibit will continue through May 24.

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