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Disappointment Felt Here As Court Team Falls Apart

BY DAVE THALER

Facing the possibility of slipping from the 500 mark for the first time this season, Belleville's basketball team takes on the Indians of Passaic tonight, Friday, on the Belleville court.

The Bellboys, who started the season by winning their first two games, have lost two in a row for a 2-2 won-lost record. After dropping a thriller to Clifton a week ago Tuesday, they went to West Orange, where they were routed by a 57-41 score Friday last Dec. 20.

Although the difference of 16 points would indicate an easy time for the Cowboys, Belleville put up a better fight than they had. The boys played a good brand of basketball for three quarters; then they faded.

Throughout the first half, the two teams exchanged the lead and the game was tied at three points separated by the teams for most of the first two periods. The Bellboys were getting most of their points from under their offensive boards, where Don Klein and Jimmie Smith were doing tremendous rebounding job.

Between those two, Belleville grabbed 15 offensive rebounds in the first half. During the second half of the game they secured two offensive rebounds.

As a result of their aggressive and solid defense, the Blue and the Cowboys were able to walk off the floor with a two-points edge at the halftime intermission.

When the teams came back on the floor, things were different. West Orange, which had been losing, now led by a 10-point margin.

Belleville stayed close during the third and fourth quarters, but the two teams tied at 34 points each.

But the fourth period was one of the most disastrous in Belleville team history.

Belleville has a completely helpless. The capacity crowd was aghast at the way a team which had been the best of the contest could make such an about-face. But, amazing as it may seem, Belleville, for the second time in a week, had folded in the final stages of a game.

Tonight Belleville will face opposition of a quality slightly lower than West Orange, but the Bellboys are depressed, and Passaic could walk off with its first victory in three years.

Coach John Westlake can find a few players on his bench who can hold their own, but the first string is resting, Belleville is in for a rough season.

The two last-period collapses indicate that five players can't keep up the pace that Westlake's team has been able to maintain.

Belleville will need depth. If it can't get it, the going will be a very disappointing season.

SNOW-BALL DANCE
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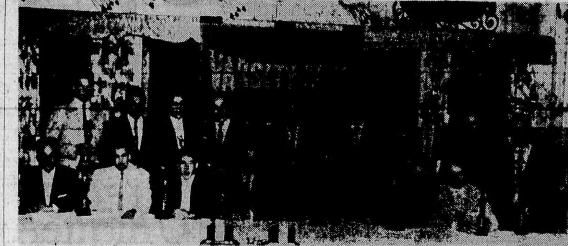
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Varsity Club Fetes B. H. S. Grid Team



Approximately 375 people braved the bad weather conditions Thursday evening, Dec. 5, to honor Belleville High School football team at the 13th annual banquet given by the Varsity Club at the Robin Hood Inn in Clifton.

A fine program was highlighted by the principal speaker, Milo Lude, head coach at the University of Delaware. Mr. Lude, in an inspirational talk directed to the boys on the team, spoke on the good traits and qualities developed by athletes playing football. The members of the squad and guests were welcomed by Al Jacullo, club president, who then turned the program over to Joe Grosch. Father John Glichrist delivered the invocation. Sandy Phillips, head coach at Nutley High School, was present at the head table. Climax of the evening was the awarding of all-time stars to the seniors on the team by Eddie Berinski, Belleville head coach. Pictured in the photo above are, from left to right, seated: Lon Long, Dave Schoner, Hugh Clark, Gene Pinadella, Pat McCabe, Bill Bartell, Ed Szep; standing: Bob McDelfe, Joe Resciniti, Frank D'Angelo, Doug Augenbach, Coach Ed Berinski, Gene Barra, James Amey, Ed Anderson, John Vitelli, Tony Passarelli.

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ACCIDENT SENDS CHILD TO HOSPITAL

Two major accidents occurred within a few minutes of one another late Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 24 with an occupant, a child, of one of the cars spending a disappointed Christmas Holiday in St. Vincent's hospital, Newark.

Six-year-old Helen McKenna, a passenger in a car driven by her father, Joseph McKenna, 40, of 1328 Second Street, Newark, suffered a possible concussion and other injuries when the car was involved in a head-on collision with a car being driven by John Heltzel, 39, of 18 Plymouth Court, Bloomfield, near 318 Jonnison Street, Belleville.

The latter was detained at Clara Mass Memorial Hospital for X-rays and released the following morning.

Also treated for minor injuries were McKenna's 11-year-old daughter, Mary Anne, 9, and daughter, 5 and Mr. McKenna. In the other accident, Robert J. Shorling, 45, of 1111 1/2 Street, crashed into a utility pole at Valley and Joralemon Streets during a heavy rain storm.

Shorling was taken to Columbia Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

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The Army is expected to vacate its Belleville Park installation sometime next year, though it has not given a definite commitment on when it intends to move.

The Boston firm stated a detailed study would be required to give an accurate estimate of the cost of such a project.

It said in its report that it found no other undeveloped land in either community which would not lend itself to recreational use.

It reported having surveyed a portion of the Emmerring farm in Prospect Street, a 13-acre tract along the Third River south of Joralemon Street and a 32-acre site north of Joralemon Street, along the Third River, south of Joralemon Street, and found none of the tracts suitable for park development.

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Miss Joan Nickario Is Wed To Walter Housenick In Newark Church Saturday

St. Peter's R. C. Church, Newark, was the setting Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21 for the marriage of Miss Joan Nickario, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nickario, of 28 Graham Street and Walter Housenick, of 433 Clifton Avenue, Newark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Allan of Vero Beach, Florida. The Rev. Lewis Kounkel performed the double ring ceremony. A reception followed at the Italian Ferret Hall, for 100 guests.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of tulle over white satin. A d d t light bodice of chantilly lace trimmed with seeded pearls and had a chapel train. Her headpiece was of chantilly lace trimmed with seeded pearls with a single tier fingertip-length veil attached to it. She carried a cascade of white roses and a baby basket.

Miss Doris Nickario, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Another sister, Miss Joan Nickario, was junior bridesmaid. They wore floor-length gowns of white tulle with matching accessories. They carried cascades of yellow roses.

Robert Thomas, Newark, a cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man. Allen Weinstein and John Garvin of Newark were the ushers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Nickario chose a ballerina-length gown of shimmer lace over crystalatelle. She wore matching accessories and an orchid corsage. The bridegroom's mother selected a gown of powder blue lace in ballerina-length with matching accessories. She also wore an orchid.

Mrs. Housenick is a graduate of Central High School, Newark, and is a senior at Montclair State Teachers College. Her husband is a graduate of Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn. He is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Housenick is employed with the Modern Metalizing Co., Newark.

Upon their return from a honeymoon trip to Washington, D. C., the couple will reside at 44 Berkeley Avenue, Forest Hill Section, Newark.

Former Resident Troth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John Teresa, of 111 Woodruff Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N. J., formerly of Belleville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Patricia Ann Teresa, to Anthony De Prospero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo De Prospero of Scotch Plains, N. J.

Belleville High School and is employed by Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill. Her fiancé is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School and is employed by the Kirby Center, Elizabeth.

AMERICAN LEGION GIVES TOYS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

Belleville Post 105 American Legion held their annual Christmas party Monday evening, Dec. 16 at which time members collected toys which were given to several needy families in Belleville. Distributing the toys on Sunday, Dec. 22 were Commander Peter Johnson, 1st Lt. Commander Arthur Sharrock and P. A. Weiss. This is an annual project undertaken by the Post every Christmas.

The Post will hold their New Year's Eve party, Dec. 31 at the Post Home. Chairman of the affair in Vice Decker who has arranged an entertaining evening for the guests.

John Riordan To Head Montclair College Paper

John Thomas Riordan, of 85 Bridge Street in a been elected editor-in-chief of the Montclair, Montclair State Teachers College student newspaper.

A 1955 graduate of Belleville High School, Mr. Riordan is a junior French Major. Currently, he is president of Tau Sigma Delta fraternity and a member of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary society in education.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Riordan.

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Joseph Watters Engaged To Miss Hoffman



MISS MARY JANE HOFFMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hoffman, of 215 Coeyman Avenue, Nutley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Jane Hoffman to Joseph P. Watters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watters, of 202 Union Avenue.

Miss Hoffman is a graduate of Lacombe School, Montclair and attends Montclair College, Montclair, N.Y. where she is in her senior year. She is a member of the Glee Club and president of the Mission Club. Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Benedict's Preparatory School and is a senior at St. Peter's College, Jersey City.

Upon his graduation in June, 1958, Mr. Watters will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

CHURCHES HERE CHARTERED BY CYO

St. Peter's and St. Anthony's, both of Belleville, are among the 33 parishes chartered for the 1958-59 season by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Only chartered parishes are eligible to take part in the 1958 program sponsored by the county organization.

St. Peter's charter lists a teenage group of 20 members including 113 boys. It is directed by a ten member youth committee working with the parish work of a parish youth council headed by Martin Maloney as president and Jerry Guglielmo as vice-president. Other officers are Rita Piusa and Florio Fontana. The first two named direct the youth committee. Heading the parish youth council are Ralph Cetrulo and Celeste Baghio.

Phillips Graham handles cultural activities and Florence Linfante the social committee. Activities are directed by Lillian Harrington and Lino Charles.

C.Y.O. Snow Ball Dance At Seton Hall Feb. 1

Essex County CYO this week announced it would hold its 11th annual snow ball dance at Seton Hall University on Feb. 1. Party announcement was made because the CYO has announced a Snow Queen contest in connection with the dance.

Concoction of the queen will Louis Conklin of St. Peter's Belleville play the dance, with leville, the 1957 winner, doing the honors. The winning contestant will receive gifts valued at \$100. Other entries in the contest will serve as her court of honor. They, too, will receive gifts from the CYO.

Bidding is used to select the queen. Youngsters who sell tickets to the dance are entitled to one vote for each ticket sold. Many of the parishes which place entries in the contest, select their representative in the same manner at parish dances, and a host of parish queens will be crowned between now and mid-January, the deadline for entering the contest.

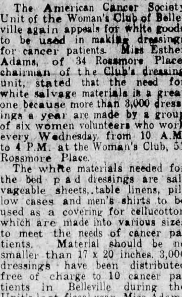
Capt. and Mrs. Friedman Are Parents Of Girl Dec. 2

Capt. and Mrs. Sidney B. Friedman of Randolph Village, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer, on Dec. 2, at Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Friedman is the former Miss Rita Weinstein of Belleville. Capt. Friedman is a physician at Randolph Air Force Base.

GODFREY'S HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Godfrey, of 473 Washington Ave., announce the birth of a son, born Dec. 18, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Cancer Unit Needs Material For Dressings



MISS ESTHER ADAMS

The American Cancer Society Unit of the Woman's Club of Belleville again appeals for white goods to be used in making dressings for cancer patients. Miss Esther Adams, of 34 Borden Place, chairman of the Club's dressing unit, stated that the need for white salvage material is great every year because more than 5000 dressings a year are made by a group of six women volunteers who work every Wednesday, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Woman's Club, 51 Rossmore Place.

The white materials needed for the bed pad dressings are salvageable sheets, table linens, pillow cases and nurse's shirts to be used as a covering for collection which are made into various sizes to meet the needs of cancer patients. Material should be no smaller than 17 x 20 inches, 3000 dressings have been distributed free of charge to 10 cancer patients in Belleville during the Unit's last fiscal year. Miss Adams announced.

To replenish the supply of white salvage material necessary to cope with the increasing demand by cancer patients, all citizens are urged to help by giving this material.

White goods can be left at the Woman's Club at 51 Rossmore Place. For further information on the Unit which needs volunteers as well as material, Miss Adams can be contacted at 28 Rossmore Place, Belleville.

Troth Announced Frank Caszar, Jr. Miss DiRuggiero

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RE-ELECTED MARSHAL OF HNS FEDERATION

For the seventh time Ralph DeRuggiero, 48 Park Street, was chosen Marshal of Essex Federation of Holy Name Societies. That organization held its annual election Thursday evening, Dec. 12.

Del Garcia, who represents St. Anthony's Holy Name Society in the Federation, has been a member of the county group 27 years and has held office for 24 years. Walter L. Joyce of St. Michael's Church, Newark, is president.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

William McWalters, who is a freshman at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., is home for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McWalters, of 891 DeWitt Avenue.

Local Man Engaged To Miss Wolbert



MISS VIRGINIA WOLBERT

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Miss Wolbert is a graduate of Wayne High School and Berkeley College, East Orange. She attended Rider College and is a secretary with Colgate-Palmolive Co., Jersey City. Her fiancé is an alumnus of Belleville High School and attended Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. He is serving in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Dix, N.J.

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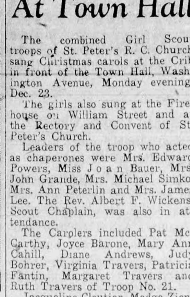
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Girl Scouts Sing Carols At Town Hall



MISS ESTHER ADAMS

The combined Girl Scout troops of St. Peter's R. C. Church sang Christmas carols at the Christmas Eve service at the Town Hall, Washington Avenue, Monday evening, Dec. 23.

The girls also sang at the Firehouse on William Street and at the Rectory and Convent of St. Peter's Church.

Leaders of the troop who acted as choruses were Miss Edith Powers, Miss Joan Bunn, Mrs. John Graude, Mrs. Michael Simko, Mrs. Ann Petelin and Mrs. James Lee. The Rev. Albert F. Wickens, Scout Chaplain, was also in attendance.

The choruses included Pat McCarthy, Joyce Barone, Mary Ann Cahill, Diane Andrews, Judy Bohrer, Virginia Travers, Patricia Fartin, Margaret Travers and Ruth Travers of Troop No. 22.

Jacqueline Cloutier, Midge Klemiewicz, Del McCarthy, Margaret Smith, Mary Augustovics, Mary Ann Kilpatrick, Marilyn Smith, Margaret Fitzgerald, Barbara Ghegan, Gene Gaven, Gail Gaven, Ann Marie Tinsdale, Mary Ellen Lombard, Diane Costa and Ellen Toyne of Troop No. 38.

Regina Zetty, Mary Dacey, Sheila Connah, Ellen Durkin, Joyce Zena, Marie McConnon, Cathy Jensen, Camille Malanga and Evelyn Smith of Troop No. 45.

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HOME FROM SCHOOL

Thomas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jones, of 149 Beech Street is spending the holidays with his parents from his studies at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va.

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Miss Esther Louise Laubach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson D. Laubach, Sr., of Shamokin Dam, Pa., became the bride of Harry Larson Fritts, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Fritts, Sr., of 40 Mertz Avenue, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam, Pa. The Rev. R. L. Loiz officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at the Dutch Pantry, Shamokin Dam.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of Chantilly lace over tulle. Her fingertip length veil was attached to a pill box trimmed with seeded pearls. She carried a white orchid on a prayer-book with sprays of holly attached.

The bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Emerson Laubach, Jr., was maid of honor. Her sister, Miss Ruth Ann Laubach was junior bridesmaid. They were similarly attired in full-length gowns of powder blue tulle with matching accessories. They carried white chrysanthemums with small sprays of poinsettias.

Emerson Laubach, Jr., brother of the bride, served as best man. Ushers included Clayton Leach and Carl Bogart.

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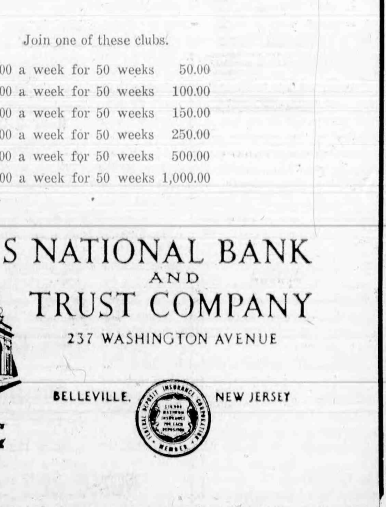
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A Good Feature-Growing in Popularity

Mayor Isadore J. Padula erred when he called the just-completed "Citizen of the Year" feature sponsored by The Times-News with the co-operation of three civic-minded local organizations a "popularity contest." He erred also when he requested that his name be withdrawn.

The feature was not intended, this year, to be a popularity contest. Repeated mention was made in the stories leading up to the choice of the "Citizen" that the number of votes cast for any one candidate would be a factor in choosing a winner but that it would not be decisive.

The purpose of this rule was to leave the judges free to choose from among the nominees on the basis of merit — regardless of how many votes any one name received. In this way only could the contest be kept free from the glaring evil of a popularity contest — the all-too-simple gathering up of nomination blanks and, as it is called, "stuffing the ballot box."

From the very first article it was emphasized that elected office-holders were every bit as eligible for selection as the "Citizen of the Year" as were other civic-minded persons. Thus, Mayor Padula was a legitimate nominee.

It is conceivable that an elected official may be civic-minded beyond the call of duty and that he or she might accomplish something for our town which might not be included in the general conception of the discharge of the responsibilities of his or her office.

We hope that in future greater stress will be placed on the two phases of the contest referred to here. First impressions are difficult to overcome. The feature was started last year as a popularity contest. It may take another year to break away completely from that attitude.

We should like to thank the co-operating organizations for their invaluable aid and the people of Belleville for their response. We visualize the day when this project will be one of the outstanding civic undertakings of the year in Belleville.

Belleville Kiwanis Club, through its president, Commissioner Kenneth D. Smith; Belleville Lions Club, through its president, William Frye, and Belleville Chamber of Commerce, through its secretary, Edward Littig, were of great assistance in supervising the contest from its start and in choosing the "Citizen," and the Honorable Mentions.

We hope the decisions of the judges meet with the approval of the residents and of the nominees. We trust that next year's effort will be an even greater success.

Is Belleville Badly Off?

From time to time in speeches and letters to the editor, citizens of the community have lamented the dire straits of the hard-pressed (speaking from a tax standpoint) homeowner of Belleville. One voluble resident has used the term "bleed-white" in describing the status of the local residential taxpayer here.

It the situation really that bad in this town?

Here are a few facts which might have a bearing on one's thinking in this direction: The tax rate this year — 1957 — is \$6.83 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In 1947 the rate was \$4.91 — indicating an increase since ten years ago of \$1.92; not a staggering figure for such a long period characterized by mounting costs in every field.

The 1957 rate is substantially lower than the rates of 1956 (7.81) and 1955 (7.02). Not often do tax rates drop, once they have started on the way up.

There are 15 municipalities in Essex County with higher 1957 rates than Belleville's 6.83. Elsewhere in the county and in neighboring Bergen County, \$7, \$8 and even \$9 rates are not uncommon.

In a recent speech, Mayor Isadore J. Padula gave as the municipality's total debt the figure \$1,107,000. To obtain a true picture, one must add to this the bonded indebtedness of the school district. The Mayor also gave another illuminating figure: the assessed valuation of Belleville, he said, is \$149,000,000.

From the premise provided by these figures one might argue that, in these days of increasing school costs, increasing costs of all types of services and supplies, Belleville's taxpayers are not unduly hard-pressed.

We agree with those who claim that in New Jersey too great a portion of the tax burden rests on the homeowner, that there should be a broadening of the tax base. This is so well recognized that ways and means of spreading the tax load is the top topic of

discussion and investigation in this state today.

A revealing study for someone to undertake, we think, would be an investigation of the effect on homeowners taxpayers in Belleville were the tax revenue derived from industry and business property to be curtailed or eliminated.

Planning Board Comes Closer

A Planning Board could become a reality in Belleville in a matter of weeks.

Mayor Isadore J. Padula, keeping a pledge he has made on several occasions in recent months, presented to his colleagues Monday evening an ordinance creating such a body.

Unfortunately, copies of the proposed ordinance were not distributed to the Commissioners in sufficient time to allow for careful reading and digest of the measure. Accordingly, it was decided to postpone action until all members of the Board were familiar with its contents.

A striking feature of the ordinance is the manner in which Mayor Padula proposes to make the appointments of members. We direct your attention to his intended procedure as outlined in the report of this week's Board of Commissioners meeting on page one.

As the Mayor put it, his plan should be a final answer to the charge that a Planning Board would be nothing more than a political machine for the Mayor. It also is a resounding answer to the charge that the Mayor refuses to recognize the existence of or co-operate with civic organizations.

We hope the ordinance is adopted as drafted. Belleville, as we have been saying for months and others have been saying much longer, needs a Planning Board. It will do the town considerable good. It will not, as one opponent of Planning Boards has said, get the town into such a state that those who created it will "ruin the day."

There is nothing menacing about a Planning Board. The hundreds of New Jersey communities that have them have found this out. Belleville will find it out, too. We do not hesitate to prophesy that Belleville will, in the very first year of its Planning Board's existence, congratulate itself for having finally become aligned with the numerous other forward-looking and progressive municipalities in Essex County and the state.

The Quintessence Of Miserliness

The Essex County Park Commission, in an inexorable gesture of selfish disinterest, has turned down the two towns' proposal that it develop a narrow park along the Third River in Nutley and Belleville, to protect that stream against the encroachment of factories and homes, and has advanced the stupid counter-suggestion that it invest some of the many hundreds of thousands of dollars it received from the sale of the Passaic Riverbank park in some sorely needed house-keeping.

The county board proposes to clean up that sorry mess, a breeding place for mosquitos and unpleasant smells, which it calls Yantacaw lake in the county park behind Vincent Methodist church. That, in the board's opinion, would amply repay Nutley for the loss of eight acres of riverfront park worth a half million dollars.

The Town Commission should go on record in backing up Commissioner Carl Orechio, director of parks and public property, who has asked the county board to reconsider its refusal to preserve the Third River against encroachment. Nutley, alas, is without representation now on the Board of Preholders and our voice will carry little weight in the halls of the county offices but the Town Commission, none the less, should go on record by denouncing the cruel stinginess of the Park Commission in refusing to reinvest any part of its landfill in new recreation areas here. And at the same time, the Town Commission should go on record by denouncing the Park Commission's sorry neglect of its housekeeping duties.

The pond in Yantacaw park, since ten years, has been in need of a purge. Overrun with weeds, it is an eye-sore and, in the vernacular, it stinks. It is too muddy for swimming; in winter, when ice could form for skating, the pond is drained. For its full length through the county park, the stream is filled with debris, stranded egg crates, branches of trees, oil drums, battered cans and assorted filth. The contrast between the foul condition of the stream in the county park and the spic-and-span condition in Memorial and Booth parks, on either side of the county park, points up the disgraceful housekeeping methods of the county park board.

Since the county has refused to do it, the town should consider buying the few acres of land needed to protect the Third River and keep it open. The town already owns most of the land needed. Once the land is sold to industrialists or builders, it will be too late to buy it back. We should own the riverfront from the Belleville line to Kingsland road and we now miss only a few hundred feet at the southern end.

One Man's Opinion

Only Real Success In Dulles' Trip Abroad
Was His Renewal With Franco Of Our Pledge
Of Hispano-American Mutual Aid Against Reds

By Ralph Eric Heinzen

Gild the lily any way you want to, last week's NATO conference in Paris was a disastrous defeat for the United States.

We lost our missile bases in Germany and found none of our other West European allies happy to trade their own safety against counter-attack for the dubious honor of receiving American missiles for their own forces.

We saw our hands forced by our allies who over-ruled Secretary John Foster Dulles' instinctive hostility to any new conversations with the Soviet Union on disarmament and made us agree to seek a new meeting of the minds, at the foreign ministers' level, with the Soviet Union.

That Khrushchev immediately announced that he was not interested in talks at such a level and would agree only to a "summit" meeting to talk about disarmament, took the sting out of our defeat in Paris. Since Khrushchev wants to talk only with Eisenhower, there is a very little likelihood of the talks taking place.

That the House of Commons, in London, voted support for the Macmillan government's stand alongside the United States is of little consequence. The vote was 280 to 251, such a tight squeak that the opposition called for the cabinet to resign. It is not on such flimsy grounds that NATO can be strengthened.

Under the 1955 defense treaty with Spain the United States is spending about \$800,000,000 on building six major air bases and a fuel pipeline across Spain. In the United States is spending about \$700,000,000 on the support aid for Spain in various forms.

There has been increasing speculation lately that the United States would ask Spain's permission to use the still incomplete air base network also as a missile base network.

Mr. Dulles' action on stepping off in Madrid to call on such a rabid communist-baiter as Franco was intended, also, as a slap at Khrushchev who, we think, wants more than anything else, a chance to sit down with Eisenhower. In Dulles' opinion, that desire is tainted with a propagandist desire to make propaganda capital out of it.

That Moscow's intentions concern propaganda more than peace is obvious from the Soviet Prime Minister's letter. Three-fourths of the Bulgarian letter to Eisenhower is devoted to blaming the West, the United States, and NATO for all the world's present ills. Only in the last fourth of his 15-page letter does Mr. Bulganin get down to the business of what to do about the other six.

There he makes six proposals, and then wraps them all up in a seventh — a call for a United States-U.S.S.R. "heads of government" meeting to discuss the other six.

What Mr. Bulganin proposes is this:

1. An Anglo-American-Soviet agreement not to use nuclear weapons and to suspend nuclear weapons tests as of January 1, 1958.

2. An Anglo-American-Soviet agreement not to put any nuclear arms in either East or West Germany.

3. A nonaggression pact to be concluded between the NATO powers and the Warsaw Pact powers.

4. A United States-Soviet pledge not to "infringe the independence of the countries of the Middle East" and "to renounce the use of force" in the solution of problems of that area.

5. A United States-Soviet treaty of friendship and peaceful cooperation.

6. A United States-Soviet agreement for exchanges in the scientific, cultural, and sports fields to the "maximum."

Of the six topics Bulganin wants to discuss personally with Eisenhower, two involve Britain, one the NATO and Warsaw Pact powers, and three are to be purely bilateral.

Presumably Bulganin can speak for all the Warsaw Pact powers and he assumed that Eisenhower can in turn speak for Britain and in the name of the NATO countries. But what he can do for Moscow's satellites, Eisenhower cannot do for America's allies.

The first suggestion is an agreement to ban the use of nuclear weapons, along with a ban on testing nuclear weapons — is a subject that has been hashed over for months in the United Nations Disarmament Committee.

The United States position is that any such agreements would be worthless unless directly tied to a means of checking compliance.

The Soviets still refuse to permit any body or group to check what they promise to do. If they are now ready to accept an inspection system to check on compliance, they can do so in the UN committee. It does not take a meeting with Eisenhower.

As for scientific, cultural, and sports exchanges, there are diplomatic talks in the works on these matters. There have been half a dozen meetings this fall between United Ambassador Zarinin and Soviet Assistant to the Secretary of State, William B. Lacy.

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6. A United States-Soviet agreement for exchanges in the scientific, cultural, and sports fields to the "maximum."

Of the six topics Bulganin wants to discuss personally with Eisenhower, two involve Britain, one the NATO and Warsaw Pact powers, and three are to be purely bilateral.

Presumably Bulganin can speak for all the Warsaw Pact powers and he assumed that Eisenhower can in turn speak for Britain and in the name of the NATO countries. But what he can do for Moscow's satellites, Eisenhower cannot do for America's allies.

Machinery Available

The first suggestion is an agreement to ban the use of nuclear weapons, along with a ban on testing nuclear weapons — is a subject that has been hashed over for months in the United Nations Disarmament Committee.

The United States position is that any such agreements would be worthless unless directly tied to a means of checking compliance.

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The Soviet plea for a Russo-American pact to keep hands off the Middle East is one of those high-sounding proposals that is as phony as a three-dollar bill.

What is the value of a Soviet promise to "renounce the use of force" in settling international problems in the light of Hungary and what is the value of a Soviet promise not to "infringe the independence" of a country when one sees the plight of Moscow's satellites?

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The same thing can be said about the request for a "treaty of friendship and peaceful cooperation." Such a treaty would be meaningless by itself; in fact it could be worse than meaningless, it could be dangerous, deceptive, soporific.

That brings us down to what seems to be the more Bulgarian in interest: Central Europe and NATO. He wants a nuclear neutralized zone in Central Europe centering on Germany, and a NATO-Warsaw nonaggression pact.

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LOCAL PLANT

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"The steady growth in the New Jersey area and the phenomenal growth of the electrical-electronics industry in the country certainly will be reflected in the local operations at Belleville. A stable operation, such as light manufacturing, also should be a beneficial factor for the community."

At a luncheon with local union officials (Local 410, IUE-APL-CIO) held in the plant cafeteria, Mr. Sloan told the union representatives that "the bright future we predict for Westinghouse is predicated upon an atmosphere of respect and friendliness in company-employee relationships."

Other officials from Bloomfield lamp division headquarters present included Elwood W. Naxon, manager of the lamp parts department; L. J. Fitzpatrick, division operations manager; John E. Fox, industrial relations manager; Wallace R. Wirths, public relations manager.

THE REV. ALBERT WICKENS — "Spends a lot of free time and his own money on the children of Belleville."

MRS. ELSIE SIMPSON — "she gives time to the Veterans Hospital, Isolation Hospital and Clara Mass Memorial Hospital."

"... Always helping others in need, without any publicity, for a period of 20 years."

BOYSTOWN

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entered the room, he was greeted with a standing ovation and the singing of "Happy Birthday to You" — that very day being his birthday. Father Egan, director of Boystown, was responsible for the presence of the boys from across the river.

Presented to the assemblage, Father Egan told how much he and the boys appreciated what the people of Belleville, through the Kenneth D. Smith Association, were doing for them. He spoke of the results of the work at Boystown, mentioning boys who have come on to college, and told his audience that he was proud of his charges and that the people should derive satisfaction from working for such "a grand crowd of boys."

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thanks of Boystown to the Belleville official. An invitation to visit the school in Kearny was extended and then the boys arose to take a mass bow.

Refreshments were served but Mr. Sloan and there was a snap orchestra to provide music for dancing. The festivities started at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and some were still in the Elks Club at 10 that night.

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