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Town still haunted by financial woes

By CHUCK JACKSON

Just as Belleville crossed the last financial hurdle of '76, police contract funding, and seemed to be in the clear, the new State income tax may have thrown up a larger obstacle.

The newly elected law places a 5 percent ceiling on municipal budget increases. While that should mean easier sledding for taxpayers, it could force the town into a difficult financial position.

Town treasurer Francis McCoy said this week that, according to law, the town may increase its budget by only \$343,355.95. A large portion of this amount, he said, approximately \$30-

0,000, may be gone before the Commissioners even get started.

That would mean the town's budget could only go up about \$43,000, and that amount would be divided among five departments.

The \$300,000 figure comes, McCoy said, from police raises, pension fund increases, and premium increases on Belleville's various insurance policies. The long-stalled revaluation emergency appropriation would knock down another \$149,000.

The financial picture has been further clouded recently, said McCoy, by the onset of binding arbitration between the town and the non-uniform public

employees. Last March, the Commissioners approved a contract with the workers which requires the employees to submit their differences to an arbitrator if an impasse developed. Apparently, such a roadblock has been encountered, and the Public Employees Relations (PERC) has assigned an arbitrator to settle the dispute.

According to McCoy, the town may be in trouble if the arbitrator finds in favor of the workers, since no provisions were included in this year's budget to handle any raises or benefits which might be awarded.

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McCoy and McGreevy lock horns over overtime

A dispute between the Town Treasurer and the Director of Finance has erupted and could affect all town employees.

Treasurer Francis McCoy issued a memorandum Tuesday informing all town workers his office "will no longer process any major medical claims, or any claims or inquiries about Blue-Cross, nor will our office process any or inquiries for...pension funds."

The McCoy memorandum went on to say, "The Treasurer's office has always been proud of its efforts to be of service to our municipal employees. However, we have been forced to take this step in order to perform the statutory duties on town time that are required of the Treasurer."

The cutback in services is the result of an argument between Commissioner Joseph McGreevy and McCoy over overtime pay to staff workers. According to McCoy, several of his office workers put in overtime in order to complete

budgetary work needed for the School Board's audit. McCoy is Custodian of School Funds, and is required by law to supply such information to the auditing firm.

The school system audit, recently submitted, was incomplete due to a lack of information regarding teacher payrolls. McCoy said he had supplied that information to the auditor, but it had apparently been "misplaced," and therefore the work had to be done again.

In order to complete the necessary work, an accounting of payroll funds from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976, workers in the Finance Department worked overtime during Thanksgiving.

According to the Town Treasurer, Commissioner McGreevy asked that the overtime paid out be returned by the employees. McCoy refused, citing "statutory requirements" that the work be completed as soon as possible.

As a result of the dispute, McCoy has

directed his staff to perform only that work required by law, and not the additional services provided by his office.

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Imperiale files counter-charges

State Senator Anthony Imperiale has filed counter charges in Belleville Municipal Court against two Newark men who have accused him of assault and threatening their lives.

Imperiale signed a complaint December 2, charging David Maisto, 110 Beaumont Place, Newark with assaulting the Senator with a deadly weapon, and threatening his life by stating "I'm going to kill you, I'm going to kill your mother, and burn your ...store down."

Maisto is also accused by Imperiale with assault by choking and using profane language.

James Post, 18, 318 Montclair Avenue, is also charged by Imperiale with malicious damage and trespassing.

Imperiale was charged by the two Newark men with threatening their lives and assault in November 29 complaints.

The charges and counter charges stem from an incident November 27 at Global Arms Company, 78 Washington Avenue, a gun store co-owned by Imperiale.

Police said a scuffle developed that day between Imperiale and Maisto when the Newark man entered the shop to collect a deposit on a gun he had not received.

Maisto was treated with eight stitches for a head cut at Clara Maass Hospital after he was struck by Imperiale's gun during the struggle in the shop, according to police sources.

Last week Imperiale said Maisto was accidentally hit after he grabbed at Imperiale's gun and the Senator pushed him toward the rear of the store.

All parties will appear to answer charges December 16 in Belleville Municipal Court.

Beauty winner

Bellevilleite Susan Santiglia is the new Essex County Junior Miss. She won the title Sunday at the annual affair, sponsored by the Nutley Jaycees. Miss Santiglia won over 21 other women, and will now go to Cherry Hill to compete in the New Jersey Junior Miss Pageant.

Little lunchers

These three kids were just a few of the many who had an opportunity to have lunch with Santa Claus at last Saturday's fair at the Reformed Church. The kids ate a hearty meal, and also had a chance to tell Mr. Claus what they would like to see under the tree Christmas day. The fair also featured a lot to interest adults, including booths selling a wide variety of handmade items.

Miss Santiglia wins Junior Miss contest

By MIKE COREY

Seventeen year old Belleville High School senior Susan Santiglia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Santiglia, 43 Overhill Road, was named Essex County's Junior Miss of 1977 at Nutley High School auditorium Sunday afternoon.

The pageant sponsored by the Nutley Jaycees, judged the 22 finalists from the county on youth fitness, creative and performing arts, poise and appearance, scholastic achievement and interviews with the panel of contest judges.

"The selection of a junior miss is not a beauty contest," points out Nutley Jaycee contestant chairman Michael Paolino. "Each girl is judged in five different categories with poise and appearance only counting for 15 percent of the actual judging."

The pageant winner was also presented with the Nagrod Memorial award as the contest's most talented entry for her performance of the Musetta Waltz from the La Boheme opera by Puccini. Miss Santiglia is slated for a future appearance on Jack Bilby's Talent Showcase, a local variety program, aired over UHF channel 68 Fridays at 9 p.m.

Selection as Essex County Junior Miss, makes the Belleville resident eligible for the New Jersey state finals scheduled February 5 at Cherry Hill.

"I never dreamed something like this could happen to me," exclaimed the new Junior Miss of Essex County. "I'm thrilled by the whole thing and I'm looking forward to the state finals."

America's Junior Miss competition is a nationwide scholarship program established to recognize, reward and encourage excellence in young people. Each

year since 1958, the country's most outstanding senior high school girl is selected from among the thousands who take part in the program throughout the United States.

Some of the prizes presented to Susan as Essex County winner include a \$500 scholarship by the Nutley Jaycees and a gown for the state pageant donated by Biondi of Belleville.

Suburban Cablevision will broadcast Sunday's pageant which will be shown on TV-3 channel Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

Jennie Anderson of East Orange High was named first runner-up in the contest and Kim Owens of Montclair High took second runner-up position in the competition.

Inside

Schwartz speaks

Lawrence Schwartz, president of the New Jersey School Boards Association and a member of the Belleville Board of Education recently spoke before the Assembly Education Committee in Newark and blasted the state's tenure system. See the story on page 3.

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Emergency funding may be necessary

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McCoy said it might be possible for the town to avoid any financial difficulties by passing emergency resolutions before the end of the year. The Town Treasurer may suggest the Commissioners pass an emergency resolution for 3 percent of the 1976 budget to cover any possible increases awarded by the arbitrator. This money would be placed in the 1976 reserves and could only be used for those salary and benefit increases.

If the Board failed to take such a

step, McCoy said, the town could face "one financial crisis after another in 1977."

The monetary difficulties looming on the horizon, the Treasurer said, can be traced back directly to this year's budget. The Town Commissioners cut \$250,000 from the overall budget last spring by raising the amount of anticipated revenue and heavy cuts in all departments. At the time, McCoy advised against such a move, saying the town was not "cutting 11 tax points, but only deferring 24 until next year."

Employee services cut

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The step was clearly a retaliation against McGreevy's attempt to recover the overtime, and the Treasurer blasted his boss, saying, "All statutory duties, including work for the Board of Education, will be performed on town time, and if there is any further interference by

Commissioner McGreevy with my statutory duties, I will seek remedy in the courts."

Contacted Tuesday, McGreevy said he was unaware of McCoy's memorandum, and added, "I don't want to make any comment because there will be no services stopped. That's for sure." McCoy said the Commissioner's apparent ban on overtime will cause great difficulty in preparing next year's budget.

"If he doesn't change the policy, I don't know how we will get the '77 budget finished."

The Town Treasurer indicated the loss of the payroll recaps during the audit was in large measure responsible for the current misunderstanding, but he was also angry over the treatment of his employees, adding, "The people in this office will no longer be treated like the slobbs this department. We won't work unless we get paid the overtime we deserve."

If the Treasurer's office refuses to handle the major medical claims and other services, McCoy estimated it could cost the town an additional \$40,000 per year, in addition to a possible rate hike by the health insurance company.

Zarro Association party is tomorrow

The Zarro Civic and Welfare Association will hold its annual Christmas party tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the AmVets Hall on Newark Avenue, Belleville.

In the past, the association has made contributions to multiple sclerosis, senior citizens organizations, the Foundation for the Blind and retarded children, as well as many other needy individuals and foundations.

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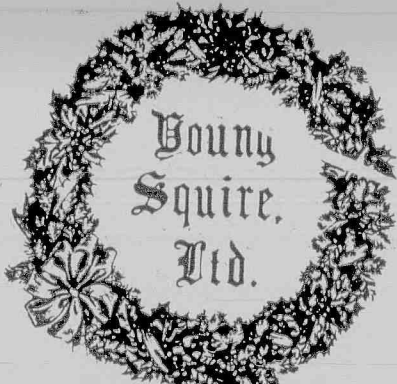


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Schwartz favors tenure review

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Schwartz, a member of the Belleville Board of Education, told the legislators that in addition to being obsolete, tenure, as it operates in New Jersey, is expensive and time-consuming.

In pointing out other available avenues open to educators who are currently under the tenure system, Schwartz said, "today, public employees, including teachers, who feel job security is being threatened by an employer for other than just reasons, have three avenues which have proven effective in protecting a public employee's job security. These avenues are: the State Division of Civil Rights; the Public Employment Relations Commission and the courts, both State and Federal."

"Realizing that such employee protection from capricious and arbitrary actions does exist," he continued, "no school district would logically venture to dismiss an individual employee without its case being well supported and documented."

Turning his attention to a specific area of tenure currently being considered by the legislature, Schwartz asked the committee to examine and act quickly on NJSBA's recommendation that district superintendents and middle management personnel be provided contractual tenure, management personnel in a district could be offered contracts ranging from three to five years.

Schwartz told the committee tenure, particularly management tenure, often stands in the way of providing accountability to the public. "It becomes extremely dif-

tion to be accountable if it must deal with a district chief executive and or management team.

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opinion

Should the tax be repealed?

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This is a cruel hoax to visit upon our people. No responsible legislator can guarantee the repeal of the state personal income tax. Any informed state legislator knows there is absolutely no chance to repeal the income tax.

As a matter of fact, only this week Republican Legislators have been making proposals to provide alternatives to renewal of the state income tax when it is scheduled to expire on June 30, 1978. Both Assemblymen Donald J. Albanese, and his fellow Republican, Francis McDermott, advanced separate proposals, each of which accepts the fact that the state income tax can not

be repealed before its expiration date in 1978.

Those well-intentioned citizens among us who resent and object to the state personal income tax and have organized groups to repeal the levy can better put their energies to work by supporting legislative candidates next year who are pledged to oppose the imposition or renewal of the state personal income tax. This is a meaningful way to channel unlimited energies of people who have strong convictions against a personal income tax levy.

Frank A. Orecchio

Brendan Byrne is right

Monday of this week Governor Brendan T. Byrne let the insurance underwriting companies know that New Jersey will not stand for automatic increases in automobile insurance premiums.

Through his able Insurance Commissioner, James J. Sheerhan of West Orange, Governor Byrne announced the insurance premium freeze.

Byrne wants the insurance companies to furnish proof that an insurance premium increase is necessary. Until such proof is forthcoming, Byrne has told the insurance companies — No increases.

Good for Governor Byrne.

Frank A. Orecchio

Protecting the police

There is something very, very wrong when the police officers out protecting the property of the citizens have to worry about their own belongings going unguarded.

We have such a situation here in Belleville. The men who man our patrol cars on the night shifts do their best to see that the people here can sleep peacefully, knowing the force is looking out for would-be vandals and thieves while their cars, parked behind Town Hall, get no protection whatsoever.

Incidents of vandalism have occurred in the past and continue to occur today. Recently, an officer's car was damaged for the second time in one year, requiring him to get his car painted yet another time.

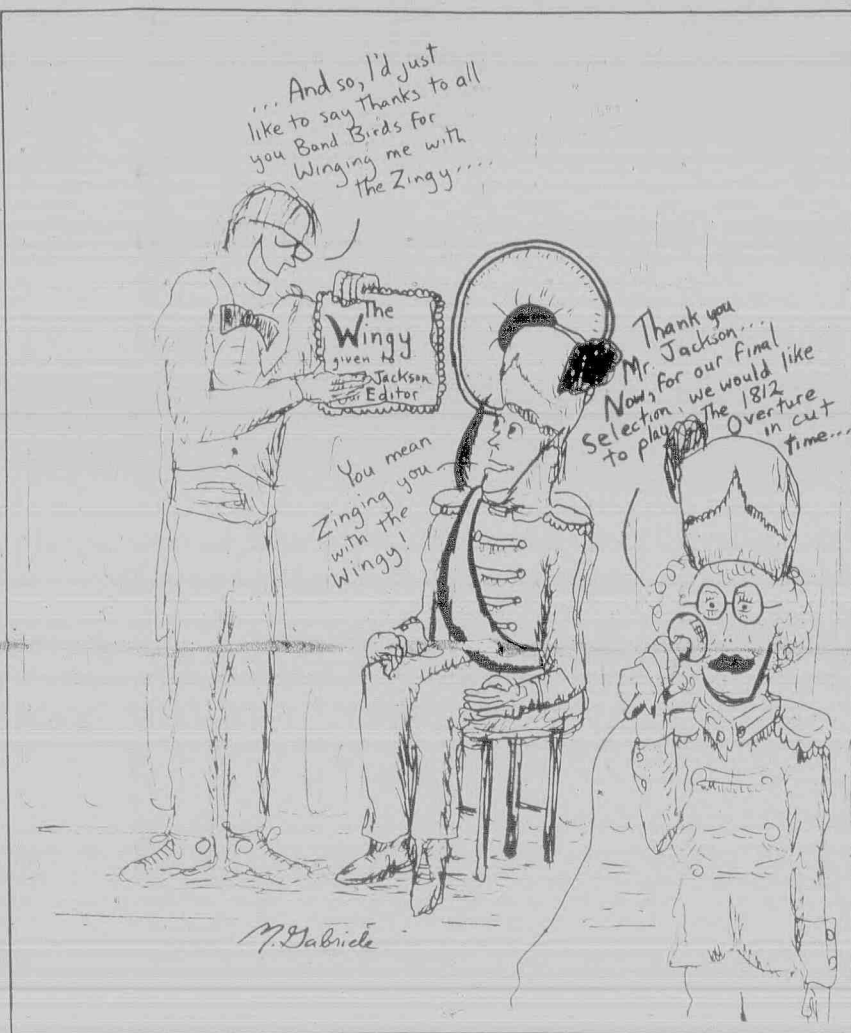
The PBA has asked the town to have a fence erected and lights mounted in the rear of Town Hall to thwart those people who

get their kicks from destroying other people's property. But the town has not taken any action. Officials seem not to care about the damage being done because it is not being done to town vehicles or to their personal cars.

The police officers have been asking for the fence and lights for some time now, and we join them in urging the Commissioners to take some kind of action.

A cop should not be expected to do his all to protect the town when the powers that be won't lift a finger to take care of the officers auto.

It's time the Commission took steps to show the men they care about them and what belongs to them. Perhaps such a "generous" move would do something to improve and maintain morale in the department.



Golden Comments

By James R. Golden



As a reminder and a bit of admonitory advice, the suggestion is offered that much concern is being given to an expected state and county plan that could have a decidedly unwelcome effect on a vast number of Belleville residents.

As a reminder, our memory goes back to the late 50's when the county wanted to place a parental home on the county property on Franklin Avenue across from the golf links. An irate citizenry battled energetically against such a "pest house" in the midst of their highly residential neighborhood.

They charged the county was trying to make a "dumping grounds" out of Belleville and threatened to picket the site with women and baby carriages in order to stop the bulldozers. The public outcry was so great that scant consideration from arrogant county officials until a clever local attorney, Robert C. Gruhin, who later became a Commissioner, came up with the solution by invoking a little known law which barred the county's planned project.

It is the studied opinion of this writer that the residents of that area are no less opposed to utilization of this county property for purposes they might consider unwelcome or undesirable now than they were back in those days.

We also view with concern and alarm the realization that there are three elected public officials of this town who draw pay from the county government and we express apprehension over whether that fact might possibly influence their views or positions in support of any plans the county might propose which might be strongly objected to by the affected residents.

We become exercised when we scan screaming headlines from a neighboring local newspaper which blares out, "Mental Patients Coming 'Home' To Nutley" only to become more concerned when we learn that many patients now confined to mental institutions are scheduled to be released under a state proposal next year and returned to the communities where they previously lived."

The Nutley Mayor and Bay Rabinowitz, who is chairman of the Essex County Mental Health Board, show commendable compassion for these affected patients, and we admire their altruistic concern for them. But, whee the hell do you think they expect to house these unfortunate people? Why do you think they are pushing so hard to build up this Essex County Mental Health Clinic, which started out as a small scale child guidance clinic only?

Why do you suppose the county deeded the land at that location for a firehouse that the Town of Belleville would have to staff and maintain and then after 50 years turn it over to the county? Was it for fire protection of their planned expansion of this site to house deinstitutionalized state mental patients?

And now comes the \$54 question: Where is this agency located? Isn't it in your backyard, Belleville people?

Do you want it there? Do you want to contribute for its upkeep with some of your local tax dollars? Think about it.

Are they again trying to amke a "dumping ground out of Belleville?

Up in Nutley, they have attractive, landscaped industries that constitute profitable tax rates. They house no county tax exempt property other than a small park.

In Belleville, almost a quarter of the town's property is tax exempt. The county park, Soho Hospital, the golf course and Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Were these properties taxable, our taxes would be much lower. In fact, in Cedar Grove, which contains Overbrook Hospital, the town gets a tax break by special legislation. Why don't we get it too?

It is the opinion of this writer that Belleville deserves a better break than it would appear it is getting.

Letters

Firefighters thanked for efforts

To the Editor:

On November 26, there was a fire at 51 Joralemon Street and the top floor was completely gutted. My home is just 18 inches from that house, so it was endangered by the flames.

I want to thank the Belleville Fire Department for its great effort to save my house, which they did. I only had smoke and water damage. It's good to know we have an efficient fire department.

I would also like to thank all the neighbors and people I never saw before for offering me their homes for the night. There were so many, I could not

More thanks given for speedy help

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the members of the Belleville Fire Department for taking such good care of me at home when I had a heart attack.

I would also also like to thank them for taking me to the hospital. God bless them all.

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Prisoner seeking people to write to

To the Editor:

Perhaps you will discard this letter, I don't know. I am confined in the Ohio prison system, a long way from home.

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EDITOR'S JOURNAL

Censorship: there's only one catch

By CHUCK JACKSON

Lately, I have been wrestling with my beliefs concerning censorship. Though I basically think of myself as fairly liberal, if not a staunch libertarian, I have just about had my fill of the adult viewing time on television.

However, I find myself straddling both sides of the fence. For example, I watched "Catch-22" Sunday night, and decided the movie itself had been caught in that notorious snag. People watching it on television saw "Catch-22," but didn't really see it. They cut the life out of that film.

The movie, a black comedy about World War II, was prefaced by a network announcement that, "due to mature subject matter, parental discretion is advised." After the censor finally dropped the scissors, I found almost nothing in that film objectionable. In fact, I found the entire editing job the most revolting part of what followed that rejoinder.

I saw that film twice when it was playing in theaters, and really loved it. Yes, it

is, uncut, very brutal in parts, and yes, I can see where some people might classify parts of it as "obscene." But that, to me, is what that film was all about. It was supposed to convey the inanity, insanity and inhumanity of war, and it was also supposed to show the various mental defenses men throw up to save their minds in such situations. But this butchered version did not show that, and hence, the film might just as well have not been shown at all.

Now, against this, I compare what has become common fare during the "adult viewing hours" voluntarily established by the networks.

I used to be a cop show fan. I'll admit it, like many other people, I am a bit of a violence "freak," as long as it is safely removed and in the play-acting world. Lately, however, I have become totally disgusted with the garbage thrown into the homes of Americans.

The most disturbing trend I have noticed is the prominence of rape situations. That vilest of crimes has become a kind of fad with television writers, and

they seem to be engaged in an all out race to find the most offensive way of presenting this most offensive subject. I find this entirely repulsive and the constant parade of rape victims and crazed rapists brings out the pro-censorship reactionary in me.

Perhaps that is one of the big things I hold against these shows. They are pushing me towards a stand to which I am opposed. I do not like censorship and do not want to advocate it. History has proved what a dangerous tool it can be, even in the hands of people who are striving to do the right thing. To me, "Catch-22" was a small example of what a heavy-handed censor can do to what was once a good film.

So now I find myself painted into a moral corner. I hate what I see, and I am angry with those people who are preventing me from seeing what I want. I guess the answer is the old one — you have to take the bad with the good. I just wish they'd give me the good.

Hey, that sounds like Catch-22.

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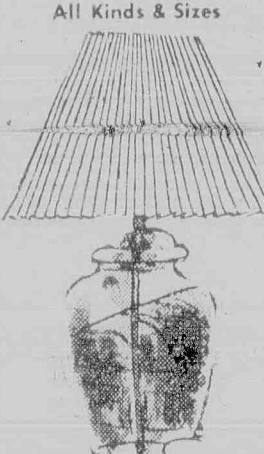
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Lodge conducts ritualistic ceremony

Belleville Lodge 1123, BPO Elks members conducted a Ritualistic Ceremony at the Lodge rooms. Congratulations went to Exalted Ruler James Salmon; Leading Knight Raymond McDonald; Lecturing Knight Vincent Mirra; Fred Hagin; Thomas Goldrick; Donald Grewcock; Lawrence Dempsey and a special commendation to Past Exalted Ruler Francis Costenbader who filled in at the last minute as Esteemed Loyal Knight.

Many dignitaries and past exalted rulers from neighboring lodges were in attendance including Michael Sawruk of North Arlington; James A. Breslin, Lyndhurst; Robert Kaczka, Irvington; Thomas W. Kepp, East Orange; Thomas Abbate, South Orange; Daniel Robinson, Bloomfield; Jerry M. Frost, Montclair; Samuel Bleiberg, Newark; Louise R. Saverese, Cedar Grove; and Charles Aquino, Orange; District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Frank McCann and Vice President of the North Central District August Mitschke.

The Ritualistic Committee Team was led by Chairman Richard W. Strobel and included Thomas Casabona; Anthony DiVecaro; Stephen Fedor; John H. Smith; Salvatore Padovano; Americo Masucci; Joseph Fiore; Leonard Leider and Roger C. Rhodes.

The next meeting of the Belleville Lodge No. 1123 will be December 13 at 8:30 p.m. in the lodge, 254 Washington Avenue.

Louglery assists in village building

Army Sergeant Robert Louglery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Louglery of Belleville, recently assisted in the construction of a "Combat in the Cities" village at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hunter - nee Laura Della Torre



Mr. and Mrs. John T. LaLama - nee Karen Pepek

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will live in Pennsylvania

Miss Laura Jean Della Torre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Della Torre of 48 Maple Avenue, Belleville, became the bride September 5 of Dennis Richard Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hunter of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James Heavey of St. Peter's Church, Belleville, performed the ceremony in St. Mary's Church, Nutley. Vocalists were Jane Smith, sister of the groom, and cousins of the couple, Angela Jacobs and Nora Cliggett. A procession followed at 10 a.m. from the groom's home in West Orange.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown of candle-light ivory chiffonette trimmed with Alencon lace and baby pearls and fashioned with a high scooped neckline, bouffant sleeves and full skirt.

A matching lace headpiece held her veil and she carried a cascade of phalaenopsis orchids, stephanotis and bakers fern.

Miss Lisa Della Torre of Belleville was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included the groom's sister, Miss Elizabeth Ann Hunter of West Chester, Miss Adele Cannella of Cedar Grove and the brides' cousins, Mrs. Linda Teeter of Somerset, Mrs. Lucille Layer of West Long Branch and Ms. Karen Bongiorno of Piscataway. Junior

bridesmaid was Ms. Camille Kearney of Colonia.

Three attendants were in buttermilk yellow and four in baby blue Qiana gowns featuring low scoop necklines with thin straps and chiffon stoles of matching color draped in the Grecian manner. The honor attendant carried blue daisy mums, baby carnations, fuji mums and babies breath and wore matching flowers in her hair. The others had yellow flowers.

James Paul Hunter of West Chester served his brother as best man. Ushers included the bride's brother, Tom Della Torre of Belleville, Steven Founds, William Stockum, Robert Hamerlinck and Larry Roney, all of West Chester.

Mrs. Della Torre chose a light aqua sleeveless Qiana gown with matching chiffon coat trimmed with ostrich feathers. Her corsage was a white orchid. The groom's mother was in a champagne crocheted knit gown.

Mrs. Hunter is a graduate of West Chester State Teachers' College, West Chester. Mr. Hunter, an alumnus of Henderson High School, West Chester, is an electrician employed by IBEW Local 654.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and have made their home in West Chester.

Miss Karen M. Pepek, John LaLama married

Wedding vows were exchanged June 19 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, by Miss Karen Marie Pepek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Pepek of Belleville and John T. LaLama III, son of Mrs. Elvira J. LaLama of Belleville and the late Mr. John T. LaLama Jr.

The Rev. Joseph F. Barbone performed the ceremony and a reception followed at White Eagle Manor, Bloomfield.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white organza gown with Queen Anne neckline trimmed in Venice lace and seed pearls. The gown featured a cathedral train. A lace and pearl headpiece held her veil and she carried white roses, stephanotis and babies breath centered with a white orchid.

Miss Colleen Waters of Belleville was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Miss Diane Sovay of Cranford, Miss Karen Verderese of Bloomfield, Miss Michele LaLama of Belleville, sister of the groom, Miss Rhonda LaLama of Belleville was junior bridesmaid and Theresa Hoarle of Nutley, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The honor attendant and flower girl were attired in yellow polyester eyelet gowns with yellow picture hats, and carried yellow parasols and wore wristlets of yellow roses and

daisies. The others were similarly attired in apricot.

Paul Phillips of Nutley served as best man. Ushers included McGary Pepek of Belleville, brother of the bride, Michael Kramer and Kevin Sutton of Belleville and Gerard Chimento of Nutley. Junior usher was the bride's brother, Vincent Pepek while ringbearers were Michael Pepek, another brother and Brian Hoarle of Nutley, her cousin.

Mrs. Pepek chose a pink chiffon tiered gown with a corsage of pink cymbidium orchids while the groom's mother was in an aqua chiffon gown with aqua cymbidium orchid corsage.

Mrs. LaLama, a graduate of Belleville High School and Mr. LaLama, an alumnus of Essex County Vocational and Technical High School, Bloomfield, are with Beecham Inc., Clifton.

After a honeymoon at Paradise Island in the Bahamas, the couple have made their home in Belleville.

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James F. Clenaghan

A second child, a son, James Francis was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clenaghan of 48 Wilson Place November 17 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 6 lbs. 4 ozs. He joins John.

Mrs. Clenaghan is the former Regina Maddalone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. DiFranzo of Belleville. Mr. Clenaghan, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Clenaghan of Belleville, is a mailhandler with United States Postal System.

Karen M. Park

A second child, a daughter, Karen Marie was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Park of Bloomfield October 24 at St. Mary's Hospital, Orange. Birth weight was six lbs. She joins Christopher, 21 months.

Mrs. Park is the former Anne Dowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Dowe of Nutley. Mr. Park is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Park of Belleville.

Jean L. Ryan engaged to wed Douglas S. Greeley

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Ryan of 598 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Louise to Douglas Stratton Greeley of 20-A Bellevue Court, Belleville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Greeley of Swampscott, Massachusetts.

The troth was made known November 27 at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ryan, brother and sister-in-law of the bride-elect.

Miss Ryan, an alumna of Nutley High School and Caldwell College, is an assistant scientist at Hoffmann-LaRoche, Nutley.

Mr. Greeley, a graduate of Swampscott High School and Stevens Institute of Technology, is assistant civil engineer with New York City Environmental Protection Agency. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

She is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society.



Miss Jean Ryan

Candace E. Ehler prospective bride of James Becker

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ehler of 231 Joralemon Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Candace Elaine to James Michael Becker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Becker of North Arlington.

The troth was made known November 24.

Miss Ehler, an alumna of Belleville High School, is a student at William Paterson College.

Mr. Becker, a graduate of North Arlington High School, is in the maintenance department of Worthington Pump.

Attention Brides

During this peak wedding season, there may be a more than usual delay in publishing pictures and accounts of recent weddings. Weddings are covered strictly in the order in which they are received by the newspapers and early submission is essential if the account is to appear immediately after the nuptials.

— Daniel Haighan



Elizabeth Volkman



Jonathan Green



Katherine Benfer

Community Choir concert to include 'Messiah', 'Ceremony of Carols'

Final rehearsals are being held for the Christmas concert of the Community Choir of Nutley to be given in St. Paul's Congregational Church, Nutley December 17 at 8 p.m.

The singing of portions of Handel's "Messiah" has become a Christmas tradition with this group which is under the direction of Mrs. Valeria W. Peed. Guest soloists will include Elizabeth Volkman, Katherine Benfer, Jonathan Green and Arthur Thompson.

Ms. Volkman, soprano, has received acclaim for performances as Cio-Cio-San in "Madame Butterfly," as "Daisy" in the world premiere of that opera, as Marie in "The Bartered Bride" and in numerous other operas. She will make her debut at the Met in New York this season and has received awards both in the USA and in

Europe for her fine artistry.

Ms. Benfer, mezzo-soprano, is on the staff of Fairleigh Dickinson University. She performs professionally with the American Vocal Ensemble, the Gregg Smith Singers, and Robert de Winter Singers. She has also been soloist at the Aspen Music Festival, the Greensboro (N.C.) Oratorio Society, the New Jersey Schola Cantorum, and many other music centers.

Mr. Green has performed many tenor operatic roles both here and in Europe. He is often called upon for solo performances in oratorios and concerts of the New York Oratorio Society, Wurzburg (Germany) Bach Choir, Yale University Opera Festival and others.

Mr. Thompson, baritone, a graduate of Juilliard, is now a member of the Metropolitan Opera

Studio. He has appeared as soloist with leading orchestras and choral groups in the United States and has performed operatic roles with the Yale Summer Opera, Aspen Summer Opera and others.

Prior to the performance of the "Messiah," the Choir will sing Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." For this work, Nutley artist Colley Ballou, dancer and choreographer, will offer a liturgical interpretation in movement. Ms. Ballou has performed as a dancer on Broadway and has been choreographical director for numerous productions in this area. Ms. Cynthia Young, Nutley harpist who was recently soloist with the Bloomfield Symphony, will accompany this work.

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A five-story Belleville apartment house, held by the same owners since they purchased it through J.I. Kislak Realty Corporation 35 years ago, has been sold to new investors in a transaction negotiated by Harold Edison, vice president of Kislak's Investment Properties Department. The brick elevator building at 298 Union Avenue was sold for Morris and Gertrude Frieder, now of Miami Beach, to Jora Realty Corporation in a transaction completed in last month.

The property, known as Philmore Apartments, contains 51 rental units ranging in size from studios to five-room apartments. According to William Schuchman, senior vice president and manager of Kislak's Investment Properties Department, the building was acquired by the new owners for cash and new long-term financing arranged through Kislak.

The Belleville apartment house is one of 12 North Jersey income-producing properties sold to new owner-investors through Kislak during the past three months.

Pfeffer attends auto trade dinner

Mark Pfeffer of Bigelow Motors, Belleville, was among executives who attended the Essex County Automotive Trade Association dinner held recently at the Friar Tuck Inn, Cedar Grove.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Nathan Schulman, secretary of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

The Dinner was preceded by a business meeting of the Essex group at which Pfeffer was installed as the new secretary-treasurer of the Essex County Automotive Trade Association.

Susan Winship joins honor group

Susan Winship, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winship Jr. of Belleville, is among eight Muhlenberg College Undergraduates to be inducted into Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious scholarly organization. The induction ceremonies took place November 29.

Miss Winship, a senior chemistry major, was elected on the basis of her work during her first six academic semesters.

Paparazzo wins ASCAP award

John A. Paparazzo, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paparazzo of Belleville and a Bloomfield resident, has won the \$100 second prize in the 1976 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the Seton Hall University School of Law, it was announced recently by Stanley Adams, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

The competition at Seton Hall was under the supervision of Dean John F.X. Irving, and the title of the winning essay was "The Legal Protection Afforded to a Performer as to His Performance and Interpretation."

Paparazzo received a BA degree from Rutgers College in New Brunswick in 1973, and an MA in teaching from Rutgers Newark Graduate School of History in 1974. He has been presenting lectures to high schools at Seton Hall University School of Law during the school year on various legal topics.

The Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition is sponsored annually by ASCAP, America's most prestigious performing rights licensing organization, in memory of ASCAP's first general counsel, who died in 1936. It is designed to stimulate interest in the field of copyright law. First and second prizes of \$250 and \$100 are offered in each of the leading law schools throughout the nation. A panel of distinguished judges then consider all the prize-winning papers and select the outstanding essays for National Awards of \$1500, \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250.

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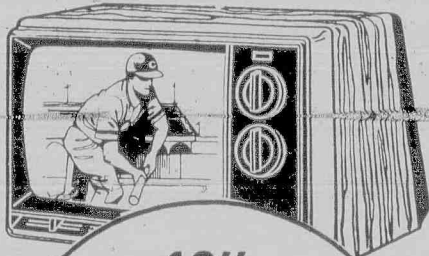
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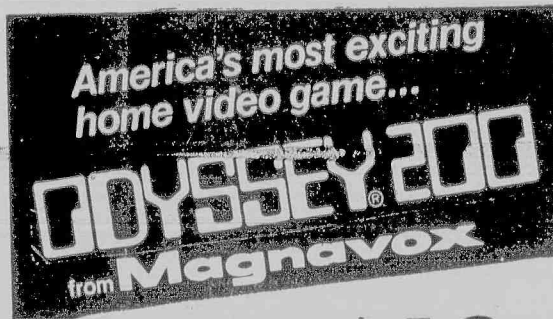
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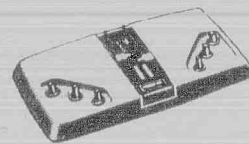
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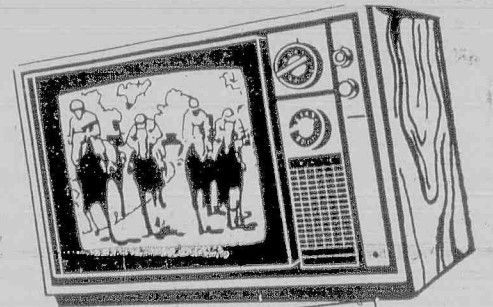
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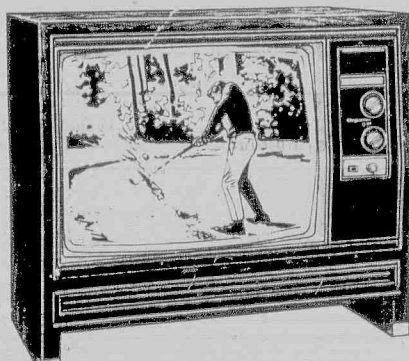


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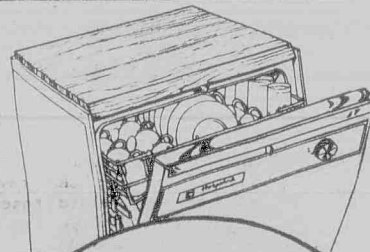
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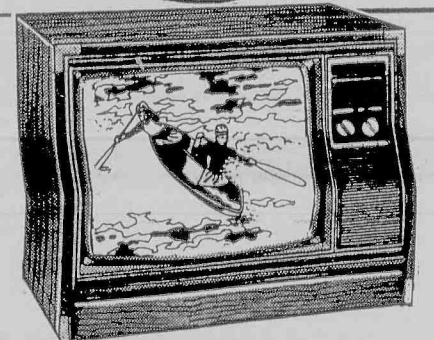
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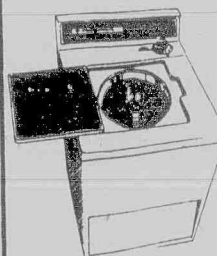
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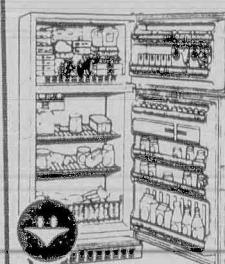
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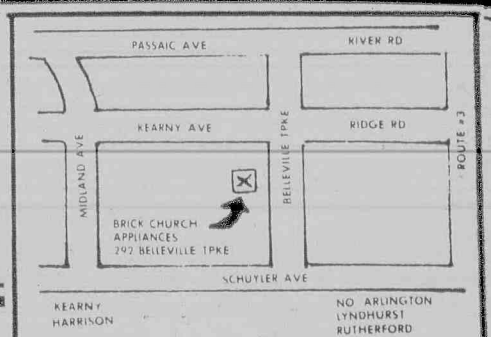


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Salvatore DeSimone

A funeral mass was offered Tuesday, December 7, at St. Anthony's Church for Salvatore DeSimone, 77, who died Friday, December 3, at

John Pizapio Jr.

A funeral mass was offered Wednesday, November 24, in St. Peter's auditorium for John L. Pizapio Jr., who died at home November 21, following a long illness. He was 71.

Born in Italy, Mr. Pizapio lived in Belleville most of his life. He was employed as a leather staker.

He is survived by his wife Sarah Long Pizapio; a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Messig of Belleville; a son, John R. Pizapio of Belleville; a brother, Carmen of Belleville; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Irvine-Cozzarelli Memorial Home, Belleville. Interment was in Holywood Memorial Park, Union.

United Way prints service directory

The United Way of Essex and West Hudson has completed, after six months of research, a resource directory of all human services and programs provided by government and volunteer agencies in the two county area.

The "Community Human Services Directory" replaces the "Community Directory" published in 1973 and lists all federal, state, county, municipal and voluntary agencies providing services in this area. It was prepared by using a comprehensive human service information system which was developed by the community planning and development committee of the United Way in cooperation with hundreds of community service providers. Thomas Cooke, Essex County Freeholder, served as chairman of the directory committee.

The directory is designed to give quick, concise references to services and programs needed by the people of the community and is published in a compact format. It lists contact persons for each agency and includes a listing of emergency services.

This the most used directory of social services in the area and is used by social workers, educators, clergy, legislators, researchers, libraries, information officers, hospitals and other people interested in knowing about available services.

It is sold at a cost and can be purchased at United Way, 303-9 Washington Street, Newark.

Shut-in society seeks volunteers

The New Jersey branch of the Shut-In Society, a national organization, has many names of Shut-In members and handicapped persons, according to Margaret B. Hamfeldt, appeals chairman for New Jersey.

Mrs. Hamfeldt said the group would be very happy to send a name or names to anyone who may be interested in sending cards or small gifts for Christmas to these Shut-In members. Any such correspondence would be greatly appreciated, she said.

For more information, write to Mrs. M.B. Hamfeldt, 47 Orange Avenue, Irvington 07111

Two are accepted at Lincoln Tech

Two Bellevilleites, Kenneth Milano, 136 White Oak Terrace and Norman Mercier, 430 DeWitt Avenue, have been accepted by Lincoln Technical Institute, Union.

Mercier is a 1976 graduate of Belleville High School. Villano is an Essex Catholic graduate. Both men are studying automotive technology at Lincoln.

ITT hikes dividend for 13th year in row

The board of directors of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation today voted to increase the quarterly dividend on the Corporation's common stock four cents per share — from 40 cents to 44 cents — payable on January 1, 1977 to shareholders of record at the close of business today.

The increase, which was the 13th consecutive annual raise in dividend payment, lifts the annual common dividend rate to \$1.76 from \$1.60 per share.

Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Mr. DeSimone worked for the Western Electric Co., Union, for 37 years, retiring 11 years ago.

Surviving are five sons, Joseph of Englishtown, Ralph of Nutley, Gerald of Ridgewood, Carmine of Belleville and John formerly of Bloomfield; three daughters, Sabatina DeSimone of Bloomfield, Sophie Savastone of Belleville and Rosemarie Megna of Bloomfield; 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Zarro Funeral Home and interment in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Stamp dealers hold fifth bourse

The New Jersey Stamp & Coin Dealers Assn., Inc., announces its fifth Stamp Collectors Bourse for 1976-77. This is the tenth year of our successful bourses for collectors.

The Coachman Inn, Cranford, will be the scene of this event. The date will be Sunday, December 12. It

can be reached by the Garden State Parkway, Exit 136 Northbound. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained from Paul Nixon, 83 Stillman Avenue, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

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obituaries

Giacomo LoCoco, 60

A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered Tuesday, November 30, in St. Antony's Church, Belleville, for Giacomo LoCoco, who died Saturday, November 27, in St. Mary's Hospital, Orange. He was 60.

Born in Louisiana, Mr. LoCoco moved here 48 years ago.

A custodian for the Belleville Board of Education for the past four years, Mr. LoCoco was previously a checker for General Motors of Bloomfield for 36 years.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy.

Mr. LoCoco was a member of Belleville AmVets Post 26; the United Auto Workers Local 541 of Bloomfield and a former member of Tripoli Park Club Association of Belleville.

He is survived by his wife, Concetta (Scavone) LoCoco; two sons, Salvatore and Richard; a daughter, Miss Deborah LoCoco; a brother, Joseph; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Barrios, Mrs. Josephine Plasco, Mrs. Madeline D'Emilio and Mrs. Sue Alvaro and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Zarro Funeral Home, Bloomfield. Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Joseph J. Neglia

A funeral mass was offered Tuesday, November 30 in Holy Family Church, Nutley, for Joseph J. Neglia, 58, who died Saturday, November 27, in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York.

Born in Clifton, Mr. Neglia moved here 30 years ago. He worked as a carpenter for Weny Brothers and Storms Company of Paterson for 28 years.

Mr. Neglia was a member of the VFW of Hasbrouck Heights; the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church and also of Local 490, Passaic. He was a committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 152 of Nutley.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy.

Mr. Neglia is survived by his wife, Teresa (Mazzocco) Neglia; a daughter, Mrs. Norma Moate of South Carolina; two sons, Joseph and David, both of Belleville; a brother, Peter of Lyndhurst; two sisters, Josephine, Neglia of Passaic and Mrs. Eda Farantino of Passaic and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Kiernan Funeral Home, Belleville and interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Jose C. Santiago

A funeral mass was said Tuesday, November 30, in St. Francis Xavier Church, Newark, for Jose C. Santiago, 75, of Belleville, who died Saturday, November 27 in Clara Maass Memorial Hospital.

Born in Portugal, Mr. Santiago lived in Newark before moving here 27 years ago. A chemical operator for 35 years with the Dupont Company of Newark, he retired from there 12 years ago.

Mr. Santiago was a member of The Belleville Senior Citizens Club.

Predeceased by his wife, Antoinette (Vernieri) Santiago, he is survived by a son, John of Belleville; three daughters, Mrs. Maria Buro of Newark, Mrs. Angela Tavar of Wyckoff and Mrs. Laura Sandomeno of Belleville; three sisters, Mrs. Maria Raimunda, Mrs. Prazeres Rigal and Miss Laura Raimunda, all of Vagos, Portugal and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made through the LaMonica Memorial Home, Bloomfield. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Joseph W. Grimley, 81

A funeral mass was said in St. Peter's auditorium Monday, November 22, for James W. Grimley, who died November 18 in Clara Maass Memorial Hospital. He was 81.

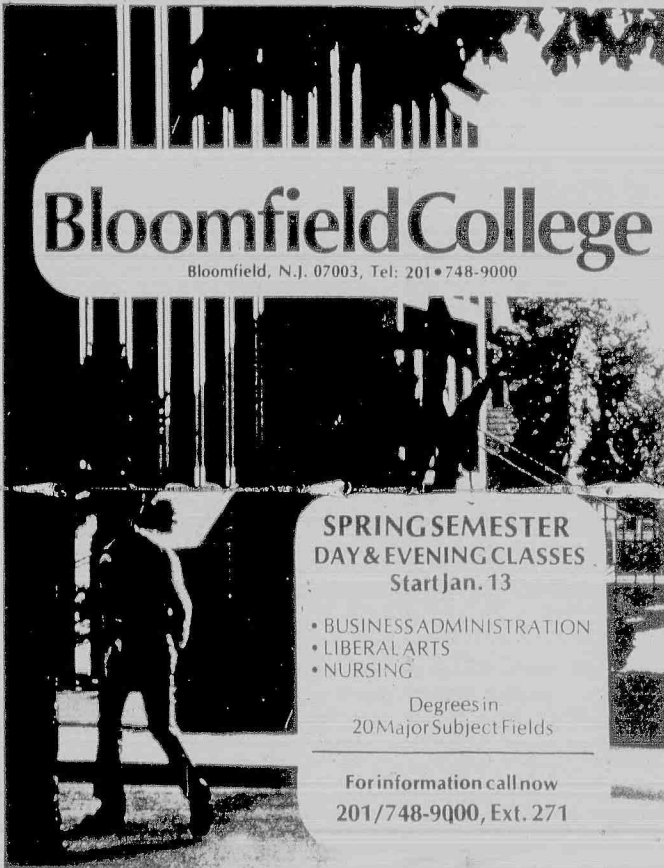
Born in Ireland, Mr. Grimley lived in Newark before moving here 50 years ago. A paint mixer for the Pittsburg Paint Company of Newark for 25 years, he retired from there 16 years ago.

Mr. Grimley was a member of the

Senior Citizens Club of Newark, and a veteran of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

Predeceased by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Kiernan and Mrs. Helen Dougherty, he is survived by two others, Mrs. Anne McCann of Belleville and Mrs. Catherine Riley of Haledon.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Kiernan Funeral Home, Belleville, and interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.



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I would also like to thank the girls for one reason or another who had to leave me. To Jo Ann, who worked with me 3 years and left to start her own business at 62 Harrison Street, Belleville, we wish her infinite success, to Lillian, we would like to all are to have her back.

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We take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Senior notes

By GEORGE CHENOWETH

The officers and some of the members of the Belleville Senior Citizens Club, along with other delegates from the Belleville in the Park Club and the Old Guard and the Golden Age Group from Nutley, attended the Senior Tax Convention Saturday, December 4, at Plainfield High School.

This convention was well attended by concerned seniors from all over the state, and the auditorium was filled to overflowing. Except for one rule, the procedures were readily acceptable.

The business at hand concerned the inequities of the new tax laws as they are now written. Modifications were proposed and acted on by the delegates. The agenda was well prepared by the steering committee. Tax experts George Hooper of the North Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens and John Tergis of the New Jersey Council of Senior Citizens brought us up to date on recent developments and recommended drastic changes.

We mentioned last week the importance of changing the present tax laws, not only as they concern seniors, but for all the state's citizens. The people at the convention showed their enthusiasm in favor of changes, and the gathering on Saturday at Plainfield was a good indication of their intentions. We are grateful to the sponsoring body for bringing seniors together to make a concerted effort to effect the changes that are needed to have a more equitable tax structure.

News of the Belleville Senior Citizens Club:

We were pleasantly surprised when we entered the clubhouse on Thursday morning. The largest natural Christmas tree possible for the size of the room had been deposited sometime before our arrival. The sign on the tree read, "Santa was here," but we believe he had a lot of help from Al Pico and his crew. Thanks to all.

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Students study election

In order to better understand the process of electing a President, Mrs. Finetti's sixth graders of School Ten conducted their own "Election '76." From nominating conventions and campaign speeches, to school election day, November 1, it was obvious

Santiglia competes in beauty pageant

Susan Santiglia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Santiglia of 43 Overhill Road, Belleville, was one of 22 finalists in the 15th Annual Essex County Junior Miss Pageant held Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m. in Nutley High School.

Sponsored by the Nutley Jaycees, the pageant annually selects the County's ideal High School senior girl. The winner receives a scholarship and other prizes and represents Essex County in the State pageant held Saturday, February 5, 1977 at Cherry Hill High School East.

Contestants are judged on the basis of intelligence, poise, talent, personality and scholastic achievement.

Miss Santiglia, a senior at Belleville High School, is a member of the National Honor Society, and National Merit Scholarship finalist. She also holds membership in the Keywanette Club.

the students enjoyed the activities while learning.

The reactions of the sixth grade students were positive and enthusiastic. "I liked our 'Election '76' because we were treated like adults," said Michele McPhee.

"I enjoyed working for the person who was running for the school presidency and campaigning for him," stated Joseph Marino.

James Chimento found "being a newsman for our election was the most fun for me," while Anna Dunn said, "Everyone became very serious about the election."

The School Ten vote tally paralleled the actual outcome of the election in New Jersey, with Gerald Ford taking the top spot over Jimmy Carter.

BHS concert is Wednesday

The Music Department of Belleville High School has announced its annual Christmas Concert will take place Wednesday, December 15 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will feature the Mixed Chorus and Concert Choir, under the direction of Thomas Finetti, and the Orchestra, conducted by Ms. Marion Romelczyk, the director.

The program will consist of some traditional holiday favorites by the chorus and orchestra, while the choir will be featured in Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata," scored for brass and organ accompaniment. The finale will be the traditional singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." The orchestra will also participate in the finale.

This year, as in the past, the holiday season is a busy time of year for the BHS chorus and orchestra. Under Finetti's direction, the choir has already performed for many local church and senior citizens' groups. The choir is also looking forward to its annual concerts at the Port of Authority Bus Terminal in New York City and at Newark International Airport.

Ms. Romelczyk's orchestra has entertained for some of Belleville's elementary schools' holiday assembly programs.

Tickets for Wednesday's concert can be purchased at the door for \$1.

Senatore group to party Sunday

The Mary V. Senatore Civic and Welfare Association will hold its second annual Christmas party this Sunday at the Chandelier Restaurant on Franklin Avenue in Belleville. The affair will run from 7 to 11 p.m.

There will be a buffet, beer and dancing.

Tickets are available through Mrs. Joan Montalbano. Admission is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members.

For more information, call 759-3956 after 4 p.m.

Masucci marks silver anniversary

Luca Masucci, 31 Bellevue Avenue, a general mechanic in the Newark gas transmission and distribution department of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, will complete 25 years of service with the company this month and will be presented a gold service emblem in honor of the occasion.



Reviewing School Ten students recently learned about elections by participating in their own. Reviewing a sample are, left to right, Michele DeNotaris, Michele McPhee, Cathy Hoffman and Donna

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D'Allessandro debuts — Gene D'Allessandro, the new BHS wrestling coach has been all wrapped-up in his work these days as he drills the young Belleville squad for the coming season and prepares the men for the districts, regionals, and state finals.

Bellboys defeated but not demolished

By JOSEPH RYAN

A 2-7 season isn't easy for anyone to take, let alone a departing coach who has experienced his first losing year. Nevertheless, Belleville coach Tom Testa was pleased with the efforts of many of the Bellboy gridders this fall.

"I respect quite a bit of the football team," Testa said. "We lost, but the kids hung in there for three quarters, three and a half. We were never demolished, though outnumbered."

Joe Gelpi, the Blue-Gold quarterback in '76, had a season indicative of the coach's assessment. Though the senior quarterback was battered and bruised, he was never demolished. The Bellboy leader scored the most points for the season and was the second leading ground gainer despite injuries that sidelined him for part of the year.

The misfortunes inflicted on Gelpi included a bruised hand and a contusion of a kidney for which he was hospitalized after the Hillside game. Gelpi is out of the hospital now and resting at home. Testa said, the BHS quarterback "still has to take it easy" before returning to school.

"When he performs he gives 100 percent," Testa said of Gelpi's play. "Without him it was a different team."

The coach added the Belleville quarterback had matured quite a bit in his role

as team leader.

Chris Cervasio was another senior who survived the rigors of a bruising season. The Bellboy running back led the squad gaining more than 300 yards and is a good college prospect, according to his coach. The busiest Belleville runner, Cervasio also was on the receiving end of the most complete passes.

Cervasio was linked by Testa with four other Bellboys as the most dedicated gridders in the day to day jobs on the practice field and under game conditions. Testa cited Scott Ochse, Frank Mozeika, Ralph Amiano, and Rocco Balsamo as hard workers, steady performers, and the most dedicated Bellboys.

It rained on the Belleville opener against Livingston in September and the Lancers poured on the offense, winning 20-0. It was a good ballgame for three quarters," Testa said. "I thought we had a good team at the time. At the end, they (Livingston) were the better team. The Blue-Gold leader said he was impressed with Lancer quarterback Greg Gennaro, who completed none of 15 pass attempts for 73 yards. "They had the experienced personnel," the coach added.

A 73-yard touchdown run by Gelpi, called back due to a Belleville clipping penalty was probably the turning point of the 33-7 loss to Bloomfield in the second

contest of the year. The TD would have made the score 14-14 at halftime but the denial deflated the Bellboys' spirit, according to Testa. Cervasio scored the sole Blue-Gold TD but Bloomfield dominated throughout the second half. The game was also costly since the BHS gridders lost the service of Gelpi after the game due to a hand injury.

Sophomore quarterback Jerry Fazzini replaced the ailing Gelpi for the Nutley game. Testa said he was disappointed the rival teams could not have met on even terms. "With Gelpi playing, I'm very confident it would have been a real good game," Testa said. Instead Fazzini was introduced to the lion's den and unable to mount a passing game, the Bellboys lost 14-0.

Despite the tough initiation for Fazzini he returned for the Passaic contest undaunted. "You ought to give him credit for that game. He hung in there," the BHS coach said. Not only did Fazzini hang in there, he led the Bellboys to their first triumph of the season.

Scott Ochse blocked a Passaic Continued on page 13.

Club will salute BHS grid team

The 32nd annual Varsity Club Football Dinner will be held tomorrow night at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, at 7.

Co-chairmen of the event, Bill Ellis and Wayne Worley have announced Tom Longe will be the guest speaker at the banquet honoring the 1976 Bellboy varsity.

Longo, who is currently a football coach at Fairleigh-Dickinson University, is a former New York Giant and Notre Dame football star.

Members of the Varsity Club dinner committee include: Jerry Bonavita, Fred Campana, Bob Cassin, Joe Cernero, Dick Covey, Tony Cervasio, Joe Ferreri, Joe Grosch, Vito Guarino, Mike Limongelli, Tom Mack, Fred Racioppi, Paul Santinelli, and Ernie Stefanelli.

Season Stats

Belleville 27-19-7-33-86
Opponents 27-55-60-61-189

Totals

	Belleville	Opponents
Totals	59	82
First downs	1113	2131
Total yardage	897	1490
Yards rushing	218	641
Yards passing	82	94
Pass attempts	27	47
Pass completions	8	7
Interceptions by	16	15
Fumbles	15	11
Fumbles recovered	41	36
Penalties	47	33
Punts		

Scoring

	TD	Pat	FG	S	TOTALS
BELLEVILLE					
Gelpi	4	1	0	0	26
Cervasio	4	0	0	0	24
Mozeika	1	0	0	0	6
Racioppi	0	4	0	0	4
Nicosia	1	1	0	0	8
Limongelli	0	2	0	0	2
Ochse	1	0	0	0	6
Gotto	1	0	0	0	6

Rushing

	Carries	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Cervasio	111	308	2.77
Gelpi	83	259	3.12
Mozeika	36	179	4.97
Nicosia	35	107	3.06
Liloia	16	56	3.50
Salters	19	43	2.26
Fazzini	11	-26	-2.26
Grasso	1	1	1
Giuliano	1	1	1
Westpy	1	15	15
Constantino	1	7	7

Passing

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE				
Gelpi	69	23	207	3.00
Cervasio	1	1	-4	-4
Fazzini	26	6	13	.50

Receptions

	Caught	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Cervasio	7	52	7.43
Grasso	5	59	11.8
Nicosia	5	60	12
Speer	1	8	8
Zangari	2	7	3.5
Gotto	3	26	8.6
Salters	3	7	2.33
Mozeika	1	-4	-4

Interceptions

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Amiano	1	1	1
Balsamo	1	1	1
Cervasio	1	22	22
Gotto	1	0	0
Ochse	1	37	37
Gelpi	3	57	19

Punts

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Gelpi	21	837	39.8
Limongelli	18	710	39.4

Punt Returns

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Cervasio	2	9	4.5
Gelpi	1	14	14

Kick-Offs

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Limongelli	8	404	50.5
Racioppi	9	374	41.5
Gelpi	2	95	47.5

Kick-Off Returns

	No.	Yds.	Avg.
BELLEVILLE			
Gelpi	7	128	18.2
Cervasio	5	78	15.6
Mozeika	4	33	8.25
Clarizio	2	6	3
Nicosia	5	54	10.8
Speer	4	35	12.5
Ochse	1	9	9

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Matmen aim for finals

The district, regional, and state competitions are the prime target of the Belleville Wrestling team this year because new mat coach Gene D'Allessandro considers the rest of the season a warm-up.

A record number of matmen reported to practice November 15 and D'Allessandro attributes the turnout to the winning tradition started by former coach Jim Silvestri. Hours and hours of drilling since then will begin to show results next Wednesday when the Bellboys open against Morris Hills.

Whatever the result of the meet, coach D'Allessandro is gearing his team to peak in late February, early March, for the start of the state-wide elimination tournaments. The dual meets and the records are nice for the crowds, according to D'Allessandro, but all will be immaterial when the district competition begins.

Forty-eight Bellboys have been work-

ing in two shifts in the wrestling room and 24 of them are sophomores. It's a young base for a team that has lost about eight starters from last season's squad. Although a large portion of the grapplers lack experience, D'Allessandro has called them "energetic and enthusiastic. He also hopes the experience factor will be negated by the time the real season starts with the districts.

Wrestlers for BHS at the start of the D'Allessandro era include in the 101 weight category; senior Harry Canyon, and sophomores Jim Cali and Frank DiLorenzo. Ed Lijo, a 108 pounder, is a Belleville junior continuing a family tradition on the mats.

Returning letterman Robert Freda will work in the 115-pound class with sophomore Ken Miele.

Mark D'Amico will share combined duties in the 122-29 class with returning letterman Mark DeGiacomo, a junior;

Hoopsters host Columbia in basketball premiere

The Bellboy cagers are poised to begin the 1976-77 basketball season tomorrow night and coach Dan Grasso is enthusiastic about the prospect of a winning season.

Columbia confronts Belleville in the BHS gym Friday at 8p.m. following a 6:30 jayvee game. Next Tuesday the Bellboys will travel to Orange to take on the Tornadoes, last season's group I champs in the state tourney.

"We're looking for a winning season," Grasso said. "The kids are looking forward to getting into the season. We're starting to play good basketball, we've been getting progressively better. We're starting to handle the ball well."

Grasso noted at a scrimmage Monday night at Lyndhurst the Bellboy defense was playing an excellent man to man game. The defensive work was also complemented by improved shooting abilities and the overall hustling and aggressiveness of the Bellboys on the court.

Paul Donahue, a junior Blue-Gold cager, has been "coming along strong" in both offense and defense, according to Grasso. Donahue will be point man for the BHS basketballers, working as playmaker and moving the ball around.

Joining Donahue on this year's squad will be Tommy Smith and Rich Baker at forward spots. Grasso expects to go with three forwards in a 1-2-2 offense so two forwards expected to see duty will be seniors Ron Krych and Ricky Thomas.

Dean Campana is slated to be a sixth man for the Bellboys. Campana is a junior and so is Michael Mango another wing forward candidate. Two post men for the Belleville cagers will be 6-3 Joe Norton and 6-1 Joe Salters, both juniors.

Back court specialists will also include

Ted Zangari, a junior guard, and Joe Cassese, another member of the Class of '78 on the hard court team. Senior Pete Liloia and junior Anthony Yocum will also see guard duty.

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and senior Ed Camuso. Don DiNardo, 135, will be coming off an outstanding jayvee year to wrestle for the varsity.

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Bellgirls seek bold shooters

The Bellgirls begin their court season Friday against Columbia and coach Karen Fuccello is hoping the cagers can develop "game sense" to match their enthusiasm.

Recent scrimmages have resulted in the Blue-Gold girls playing inconsistently on the courts. Last Friday, coach Fuccello noted the Belleville zone offense had finally clicked in a scrimmage against Caldwell but Monday's pre-season game saw the Bellgirls, "back to bad habits."

The game sense Fuccello says is lacking is just a general sense of what to do moment to moment in the action of the game. The Blue-Gold coach says the team isn't noticing the players open for shots nor are they quick to see a situation opening to their advantage.

The coach is also hoping the Bellgirls will go for the basket more often. Quick passes, usually an advantage to a well dis-

ciplined team, have proliferated to an extent the Bellevilleites have been passing off with a reluctance to shoot.

"Michele Giordano is doing her job when the ball gets into her," Fuccello said. "But scoring help is needed from others." The shooting potential of most of the team has not yet been reached.

Fuccello said her ambition now is to have the squad "peak at half season." The coach said a starting five has still not been finalized. "Some people have worked themselves into the line-up and some have worked themselves out."

The first test for the Bellgirls is Columbia and the BHS coach expects the opening game opponents to be one of the top three squads in the Big Ten. They have two players over six feet tall so the Bellgirls will set up a zone defense and switch to man to man if the Columbians shoot over the zone.



Bellboy varsity — The members of the 1976 men's varsity basketball team include front row, left to right, Phil Agosta, manager; Paul Donahue, Dean Campana, Rich Baker, Joe Cassese, and Anthony Satriano, manager. Back row, left to

right, coach Dan Grasso, Ted Zangari, Ron Krych, Mike Mango, Joe Salters, Joe Norton, Tom Smith, Rich Thomas, and Pete Liloia.

Three new schools will wrestle Bellboys

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Another one of the few returning lettermen is junior Bellboy Bob Racioppi, who will go to the mats in the 141 pound class. Senior captain Ron Grolimond is also back in the 148 category. Senior matman Joe Savastano will face competition in the 158-lb. class and his brother Mark Savastano will wrestle in the 170 division. Joining Mark Savastano in the 170 class will be Angelo Santinelli, a BHS sophomore.

Big Bernie Dal Cortivo will wrestle in the 188 pound category and much bigger George D'Allessandro is slated to grapple as a heavyweight. D'Allessandro is a co-captain with Grolimond and is not related to the new coach. However, coach D'Allessandro will accept relationship, "only if he wins."

Other Bellboy matmen showing development in pre-season sessions include senior Neil Murray at 148 pounds, and junior Ron Costa, who

Orange next cager foe

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Four seniors are members of the varsity and nine juniors passed the final cut. The youth of the Bellboys is expected to boost their future prospects.

Execution, a key word for the Belleville playing style this year, is a source of some of Grasso's enthusiasm. Scrimmage contests against Lyndhurst and Hudson Catholic have seen the Bellboys commit a minimum of fouls despite their tight man to man defense. The low scores and methodical playing have triggered coach Grasso's enthusiasm.

Columbia, the first opponent of the season, is expected to come at the Blue-Gold cagers with a veteran squad and a zone defense. Coach Grasso is hoping the Bellboys will allow them only one shot each trip to the boards. The BHS cagers will also be kept busy leaping for rebounds against Columbia's 6-7 center.

Orange, Tuesday's away contest, is expected to present the Bellboy with similar problems: The Tornados are very experienced and the Bellboys will have to employ a tough man to man game to slow their opponents down.

Rec leagues still forming

Organization of the Elementary and Junior Basketball Leagues sponsored by the Belleville Recreation Department will begin at the senior high school, Saturday at 1 p.m.

Varsity coach Dan Grasso will direct drills to teach boys the fundamentals of the hoop game and help them improve their cager skills.

Registration for a seventh and eighth grade league will take place Monday, December 13, at 6 p.m. in the Boys Gym of the Junior High School. Both leagues are open to Belleville residents enrolled in either public or parochial schools.



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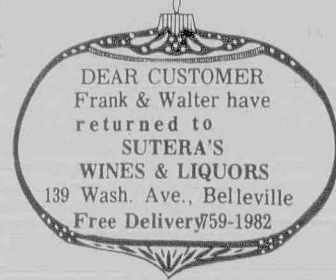
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graples at 188. Some of the sophs building the squads future potential include Al DeMeo, 122; Matt Pica, 135; Ben Spagnoletti, 148 and Rudy Fabiano, 141.

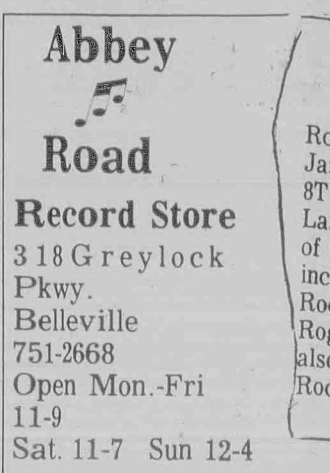
D'Allessandro feels drilling is the key to success and the Bellboys have been working a couple of hours a day



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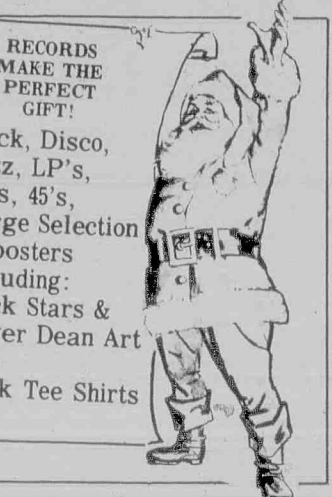
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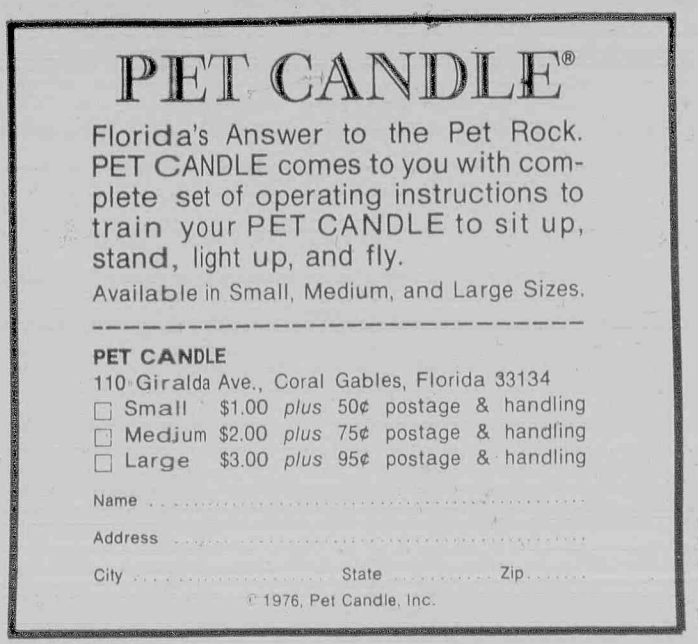


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Cervasio led in yardage

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punt and ran for a touchdown for the first score of the match and Ken Nicosia crossed the marker for six more in the third quarter. The Bellevilleites won, downing the Indians, 13-7. "We were a little more physical than them, and we had the running game going," Testa said.

The victory was followed by a 28-2 dumping by Irvington, however. Gelpi worked the quarterback position but could not throw the ball because of his hand injury. "At that stage, Irvington had a fine team," Testa said.

Essex Catholic halfback Dave D'Andrea ran rampant in the 20-9 Eagle victory over the Bellboys. D'Andrea compiled 119 yards on nine carries. Coach Testa called the junior Eagle the most outstanding back he saw this year. One of D'Andrea's feats that Saturday was returning the second half kick-off for a TD. "I thought our own mistakes beat us," said Testa.

The Blue-Gold passing game took flight again as Gelpi returned against the Eagles. The Bellboys TD against Essex Catholic occurred following a blocked kick by the Eagles. George D'Allessandro stopped the kick and it was recovered by Scott Ochse. John Gotto took a 14 yard pass from Gelpi to give BHS its only TD in two weeks.

The top ranked team in the state, Seton Hall, was the next challenge for the Bellboys. The Pony Pirates proved their ranking by making the Bellboys one of their eight shutout victims this year. "They were big, strong, and seasoned," Testa said. "They hit the hardest of all the teams we faced. There was no way we could pull that one out talent wise."

The Bellboys returned to their own league for the next contest and downed the Kearny Cardinals, 47-30. Blue-Gold coach Testa said the game was decided by the Kearny quarterback versus the Bellboy running game. Kearny quarterback Dan Vucolo went to the air 29 times for 256 yards but the Bellboys ground out 362 yards rushing on the turf to make the difference. Mozeika, Gelpi and Cervasio were all praised by Testa for their performances.

A blocked Kardinal punt by Ralph Amiano also forced Kearny to attempt two point conversions, not too successfully, for most of the match. Cervasio and Gelpi both scored three touchdowns and

Mozeika also tallied six points in the second winning effort.

The 14-8 loss to Hillside is explained by Testa as a result of the 10 day gap before the game and a general let-down. The Bellboys had little to look forward to save the possibility of ending 3-6 instead of 2-7. The Comets looked more eager for the win and took it. "Hillside did a little sowing and reaped a little more," Testa said. "In the end it doesn't matter that much."

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Blue-Gold grads who excelled in their chosen sports fields, graduates who have left to achieve athletic fame, and accomplished Belleville coaches will be inducted into the hallowed hall at a January 21 dinner at the Chandelier Restaurant in Belleville.

The Athletic Advisory Council, Mike Chieffo, and the cooperation of the Belleville Board of Education have made the Hall of Fame possible. Chieffo, who is liason between the Trustees and the Athletic Council, said the "Hall" is "part of an overall program to build enthusiasm and spirit" at the high school and "give the younger people something to strive for."

Inductees will include first, second, and third team members in area teams selected by the Newark Evening News and Star-Ledger. Hall of Famers from sports other than

baseball, basketball, and football will be selected based on criterions determined by the Athletic Advisory Council.

Fred "Chick" Puleo, president of the Council and Mike Chieffo have

been dusting off the record books doing research to spot potential Hall heroes. Both invite anyone who can confirm Star-Ledger picks to contact them since that paper's selections have proved difficult to trace down.

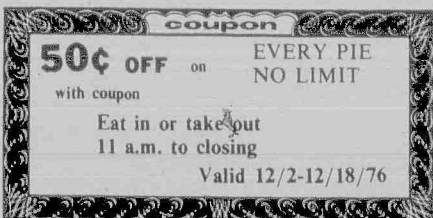
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Ceres, a product of the Newark school system, attended Colorado State College. During World War II, he was assigned Chief Clerk in the Office of the Director of Intelligence of USTAF.

Ceres is treasurer of St. Anthony's Church Honor Guard, treasurer of the Belleville Italian American Civic Association and past finance officer of the American Legion Midtown Post 384.

Married to the former Margaret Ajello, the couple has one daughter, Mrs. Myra Ceres Sesko of Randolph Township.

Specialist Capaldo assigned auto work

Army Specialist Four David A. Capaldo, whose wife, Donna, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Capaldo, live at 28 Smallwood Avenue, Belleville, recently was assigned as an automotive mechanic with the Third Armored Division in Kirsch, Germany.

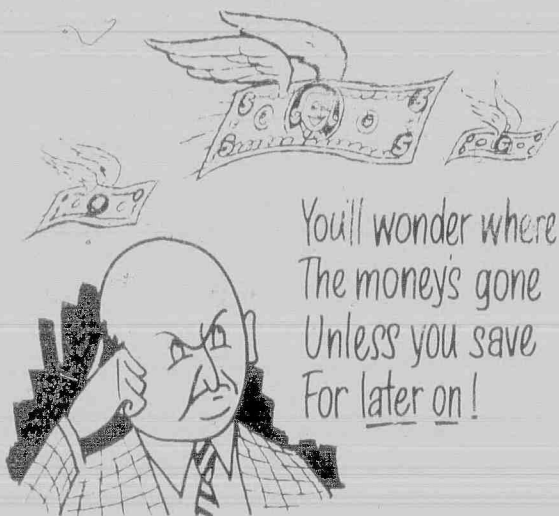
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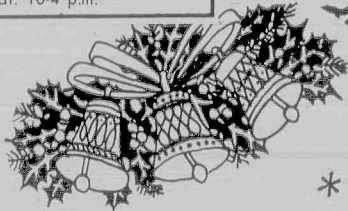
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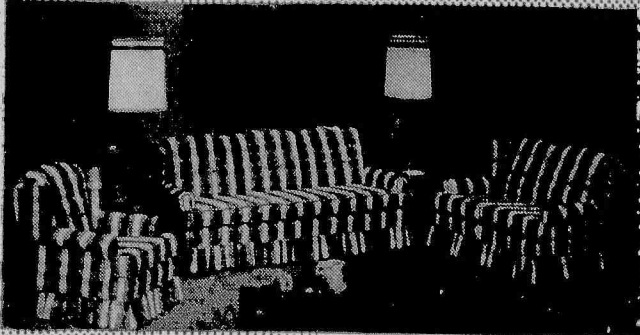
The Whole Theatre Company of Montclair opened "Three Men on a Horse," by John C. Holm and George Abbott last Friday at its theatre at Church and Trinity Streets.

The play is only one of several collaborative scripts written by Abbott, who is 90 and still working. He has been writing, directing and producing since 1919, and is famous

for fast-paced comedies with zany characters and wisecracking dialogue.

The Whole Theatre Company, under the direction of Larry Spiegel, decided to update "Three men on a Horse." The action, which originally took place in the 1930's, will now occur in the 1970's.

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New Jersey Bell is one of several businesses and professional organizations taking part in a campaign to promote energy conservation awareness among Garden State residents. The campaign spans the month of November, which has been proclaimed "Energy Awareness Month" by Governor Brendan T. Byrne.

The awards presented to New Jersey Bell include seven excellence awards and two merit awards under the Federal Energy Administration's "Lighting and Thermal Operations Awards" program. Excellence awards are presented for achieving energy savings of more than 35 percent, while merit awards represent savings of 30 to 35 percent.

Ann Martin's paintings on display at YMCA

Paintings by Ann Martin of Verona are on display this month at the Montclair YMCA. The public is invited to view the exhibit in the lounge area of the women's department, 25 Park St.

A versatile artist who works with pen and ink and other media, Ann Martin is primarily noted for a loose, impressionistic style of watercolor. She has studied art at Los Angeles City College, at the Art Students League and at the Montclair Art Museum with Tom Vincent and Ed Havas.

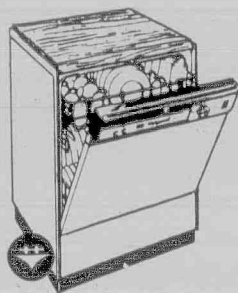
Juried exhibitions where her work has been shown include the National Academy of Design in New York; the Hudson Valley Art Association, White Plains; Jersey City Museum; Somerset; Westfield, and the Art Center of the Oranges.

Musicians sought for chamber group

Rutgers University in Newark is looking for musicians with the aim of establishing a chamber ensemble comprised of student and community players.

Robert Babb, conductor of the Rutgers Newark Concert Band and a co-adjutant instructor in the music department of the Newark College of Arts and Sciences, has issued an open call for any interested players of brass, woodwind and string instruments.

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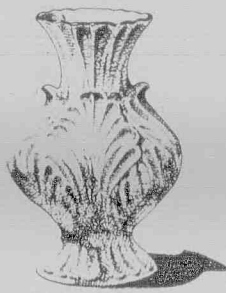
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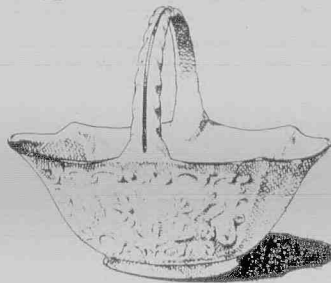
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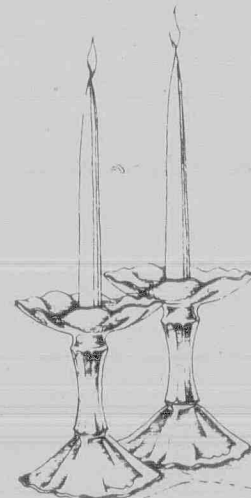
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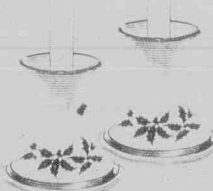
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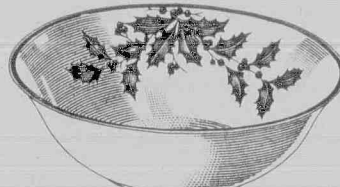
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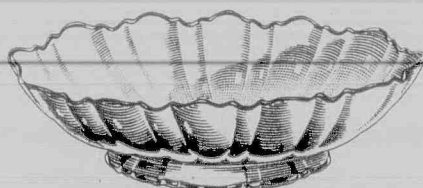
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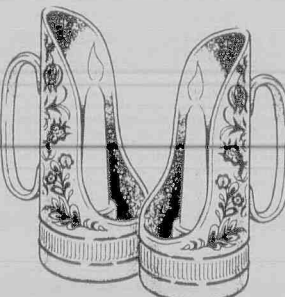
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