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The News Tribune, Woodbridge, N.J. — Friday, Jan. 16, 1976

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# Edison planning a ball

EDISON — A community-wide Bicentennial Ball for Edison Township will be held Feb. 11 at the Pines Manor, Route 27.

The event will be a highlight of the township's observance of the nation's 200th birthday, according to the Edison Bicentennial Committee, which is sponsoring the affair.

Costumes will be optional, according to Edison Councilman Herbert Daughtery Jr.,

chairman of the township's Bicentennial Committee.

The ball will feature a full course prime rib dinner. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing and entertainment will conclude the festivities. Music will be by the Jay Owens Band.

Tickets may be obtained from Andrew Lipnick, ticket chairman, or Bicentennial

Committee members John Delesandro and Dr. A. Peter Capparelli, township business administrator and health officer.

Reservations must be made no later than Feb. 6.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Edison Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., to discuss final plans for the event. Township residents were invited to attend.



# 40,000 line streets for Edison parade



An estimated crowd of 40,000 people were on hand to cheer the participants in the Edison bicentennial parade on Sunday.

Bicentennial plaques were awarded to the following winners: best marching unit, non-professional, 1st, Piscataway High School, 2nd, South Plainfield High School, 3rd, Sayreville War Memorial High School; best marching unit, senior, 1st, Edison Paid Fire Department, 2nd Rahway High School; best marching unit, junior, Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, 2nd, Nixon Neighborhood Girl Scouts, best drill team, 1st, Rifle-ettes of East Brunswick, 2nd, Rutgers Queens Guard, best twirling unit, senior, 1st, Sayreville War Memorial High School, 2nd, Bound Brook High School, best twirling unit, junior, Silver Starlights of Edison,

2nd, Piscataway Sequinettes, honorable mention, Edison Recreation Department, best color guard, J.P. Stevens Colonial Color Guard, 2nd, Colonia American Legion Post 248, 3rd, Father and Son Post 435, best antique car, Al Melega of Edison; floats, best captured the spirit of the bicentennial celebration, St. Matthew's PTA, most artistic, Ed Kolowitz of Metuchen (spirit of '76), most original, Clara Barton Women's Club, most beautiful, Edison Exchange Club, honorable mention, Edison Moose, best novelty unit, 1st, Country Promenaders, 2nd Ukranian American Club of Carteret. Judges were Jacqueline Rubel, Dr. Robert Harris, Ralph J. Williamson, Andrew J. Fogas, Christopher Darrel, Jack E. Vincent and Danny Romano.

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after a buffet supper and entertainment.

Awards to trustees went to Kenneth Berg for ten years, and John Burk, R. Joseph Ferenczi, John Timko Jr., and Victor Melin, five years; Alex Kudron, Woodbridge Mayor John J. Cassidy and Metuchen Mayor Donald Wernik, three-year pins; Robert Brown, Leonard Sendelsky, Mrs. Robert Holmes, Paul W. Staley, Middlesex County Freeholder S. Elliott Mayo and Edison Mayor Thomas Paterniti, one year pins.

Joseph Sherber, executive director of the Medical Center, received a service pin for ten years, as did employes Harold Cairney, Betty Bradley and Joyce Nelson.

Five year awards went to Martin Thomson, Elaine Novak, Doris Scheffer, Lorraine Szilagyi, Evelyn Geier, Catherine McGuinness, Robert Streck, Hazel Cusumano and Else Kruse.

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In addition, Mary Alice Comiskey, Gloria Bernstein, Lynn Auer, Rose Guzman, Janet Gwiazda, Sharon Kraus, Sonia Lambdin, Patricia Halpin, Deborah Penedos, Helen Salzano and Carol Kowalsky.

Three-year service pins also went to Catherine Blath, Sharon Boehmer, Michaelene Brodzinski,

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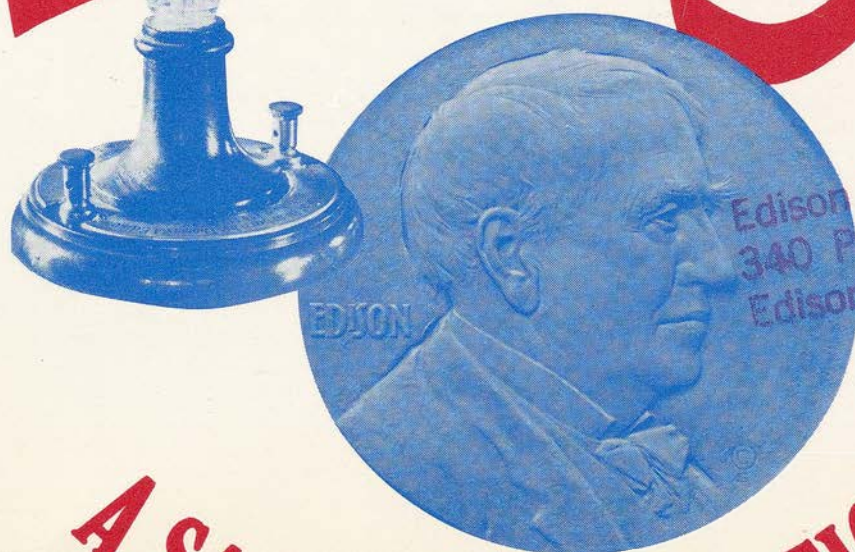
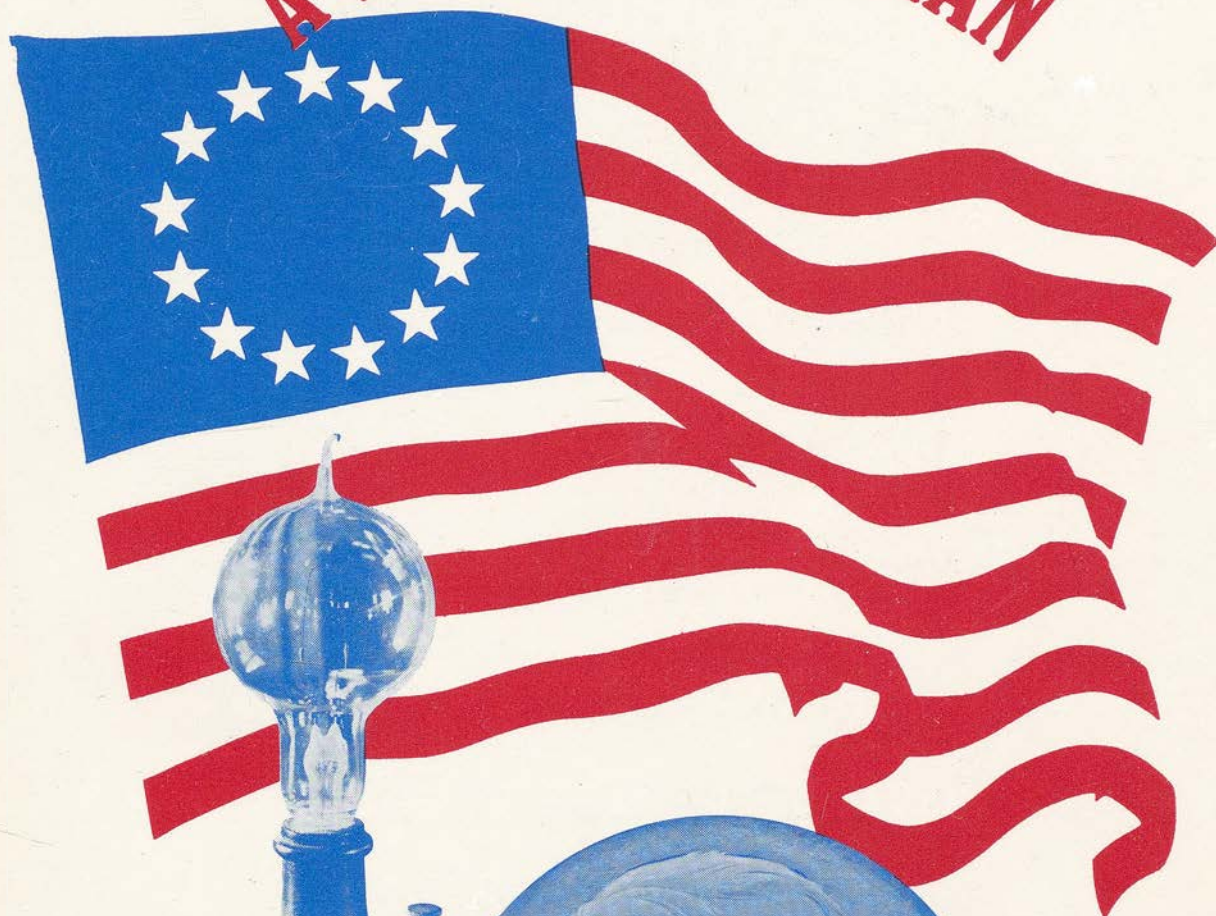
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# *History of Edison*

The early history of the local area is directly related to the histories of Woodbridge and Piscataway Townships from which Raritan Township was formed in 1870. Early settlers who replaced the original inhabitants—Lenni-Lenape Indians—came from New England and several European countries. Included among these were the Stelle and Bonham families after whom sections of the Township are named. Despite difficulties inherent in founding early settlements, these pioneers cleared land for farming, built St. James and Stelton Baptist Churches, established local government, constructed a meeting house in Piscatawaytown and founded a local school there and one in Oak Tree.

During the Revolutionary War local residents remained loyal to the Patriots' Cause, engaging in numerous skirmishes, especially in the Piscatawaytown-Bonhamtown area where several British regiments were stationed. Among the many who served with the American militia were Major Reuben Potter and Captain Abraham Tappan. Following the end of hostilities, residents turned their attention to improving and extending facilities and services started before the War. Funding through subscriptions and special taxes was initiated.

Of major importance during the 19th Century was the movement to form a new township from portions of Woodbridge and Piscataway Townships. Led by a group of Metuchenites, local leaders were successful when Raritan Township was incorporated, with the first election held at the Academy on April 16, 1870. Family names of the earliest settlers filled many of the civil servant lists—Tappan, Martin, Stelle, Campbell.

Internal political differences concerning representation, improvements and taxation continued after the formation of Raritan Township. Leaders in Metuchen opted successfully for the creation of a separate borough in 1900, followed by Highland Park in 1905.

During the following years, residents again renewed their efforts towards extending and refining facilities and services. A major change was made in the form of local government from Township Committee to Commission which lasted until 1958. However, throughout much of the eighty-four year period of Raritan Township, there existed a need to identify with the township and not with sections of the township—a situation which was common to other townships made up of villages in a rural setting.

The post-World War II period brought with it a rapid and massive increase in population with its corresponding demands for expansion and reorganization of all the resources of the community. The change from Raritan to Edison in 1954 honored Thomas A. Edison, who spent perhaps the most fruitful period of his life in the Menlo Park section during the latter part of the 19th Century. Numerous individuals and civic groups made concerted efforts to remove the last of the sectionalist feelings and build an identification with Edison. The result of their efforts is apparent.

Today, Edison is one of the major communities in the state of New Jersey with a comprehensive master plan to insure a well balanced municipality.

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1975

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# The Home News



RUMBLING ALONG AMBOY AVENUE . . . in Edison's Bicentennial parade were the occupants of this antique Ford roadster

Home News photos by Denis O'Keefe



HERE COMES THE BALLOON MAN . . . and children ask parents for a Bicentennial souvenir

## Festive parade leads Bicentennial into Edison

By DAN LAZARE  
Home News staff writer

EDISON — As the Raritan Engine Co. No. 2 float crept down Amboy Avenue, it was pursued by a small army of children who screamed, jumped up and down and ran through the spectators who lined the street.

They were chasing after candy which firemen tossed by the handful. The same firemen also playfully doused the kids and onlookers with a fine spray of water.

When the float neared the company's headquarters, some of their comrades were waiting with a garden hose of their own. A water fight ensued — a boisterous water fight everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

The incident set the tone for yesterday's Edison Township Bicentennial parade, which was perhaps the biggest marching extravaganza the township has ever seen.

About 6,000 marchers took part in the march, which included 29 floats and 130 organizations. The parade took about four hours to wend its way past the reviewing stand in front of the MidLantic Bank on

Amboy Avenue, and police estimated that there were 6,000 spectators.

Everyone agreed the procession was of epic proportions. But if the numbers were huge, the mood was light and relaxed. Tree-shaded front lawns were dotted with lounge chairs and spectators came equipped with six-packs of soda or beer.

It was a congenial way to pass a cool, autumn afternoon.

"It's pretty good," said David Milcsik, 13, who lives just off the parade route. "The parade had a lot of bands, a lot of interesting floats."

Karen Walsh, 12, who was threading her bike through a thick crowd, agreed. "It's the longest we've had in a long time," she said. "And it's the first time that all the people are out of their houses."

"A lot of people I know are in it" was the reason Karen Friis, 12, said she enjoyed the parade. And Russell Counterman, 14, said he had seen many parades before, but maintained yesterday's was among the best.

"It's such a strange experience, walking around in a parade," observed Henry

Rosen, 17, who works at the Clara Barton branch of the township library. People played their roles with a sense of humor. One man, who was dressed in an Indian costume which included an outlandish black wig, grinned as he passed people he knew.

Discipline in most of the marching bands was loose. In between numbers, a few musicians would dissolve into giggles and jostle their companions.

And marchers thought nothing of leaving their places to say hello to a friend, or to buy a hotdog.

The parade was scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. but the first marcher did not pass the reviewing stand until nearly 2. The grand marshal was Mrs. Dora Engel, wife of the late Julius C. Engel, a former township mayor. Following closely behind was N.J. Secretary of State J. Edward Crabel.

Roger Yuhas, 20, was the kind of spectator that every marcher would appreciate. Situated at the end of the parade route, Yuhas wildly cheered the last, tired marchers.

"They have a parade for me, and I keep

them happy as they go down the street," he explained. "They think I'm crazy, but I'm having more fun than they are," he said as he furiously applauded a weary-looking majorette.

And finally, as the parade diminished to a trickle, Yuhas said, "I'm looking for a sign that says, 'The End.'"

A panel of judges made awards to ten categories:

- Best marching band: Piscataway High School, first place; South Plainfield High School, second; Sayreville War Memorial High School, third.
- Best marching senior unit: Edison Fire Department, first place, Rahway High School band, second.
- Best marching junior unit: Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, Edison, first place; Nixon Neighborhood Girl Scouts of Edison, second.
- Best drill team: Rifle-ettes of East Brunswick, first place; Queens Guard of Rutgers, second.
- Best twirling senior unit: Sayreville War Memorial High School, first place; Bound Brook High School, second.
- Best twirling junior unit: Silver

Starlights, first place; Piscataway Sequinets, second; Edison recreation twirlers, honorable mention.

● Best color guards: Combined Edison High School and J.P. Stevens High School Colonial Color Guards, first place; Colonia American Legion Post 240, second; Fathers and Sons American Legion post 435, Edison, third.

● Best antique car: a 1929 Hupmobile, owned by Al Melega.

● Best novelty unit: Tied for first place were the Ukrainian-American Club of Carteret and the Country Promenaders Square Dancers of Staten Island.

● Floats: St. Matthews P.T.A. of Edison had the float which was judged the one that best captures the spirit of the Bicentennial celebration; the most artistic float was entered by Ed Kolowitz of Metuchen; the most original float belonged to the Clara Barton Women's Club of Edison; the float entered by the Edison Exchange Club was judged the most beautiful; and the Edison Moose Club received an honorable mention for their float.



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## Recovery

### yes, but...

Economists of all stripes — from conservative to liberal — seem to agree now that economic recovery is under way, even well established as of the third quarter of the year.

What worries them all, however, is that in spite of the generally favorable economic outlook, our old nemesis, inflation, is once again rearing its ugly head.

The wholesale price index for September moved up .6 per cent from August, with price increases spread over a broad front, from food and fuels to industrial commodities. The upswing in industrial commodities, in fact, is especially worrisome because it portends consumer price increases down the road for clothing, homes, cars and furnishings, and it translates into higher prices for businesses for raw materials, machinery and equipment.

Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns told a congressional budget committee last week he's concerned now that a

## Editorials

### Burns joins NYC worriers

It's not just the prospect of a new dose of double digit inflation that is troubling Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns.

He's worried now about New York City's increasingly serious financial plight.

"If this crisis isn't resolved," he told a congressional committee last week, "it could injure the recovery process that is under way in the national economy."

That's all Burns would say about New York City's problems. But it was enough to raise the city's hopes that some kind of federal help might be forthcoming. If no-

thing else, this first indication that the previously noncommittal Fed is worried about the ramifications of a default by New York City — and even by New York State — should help spur Congress into action.

With the Ford administration — led by President Ford himself — turning a resolutely deaf ear to pleas from municipal officials from around the country to do something to contain the New York City crisis, Congress is the last best hope for New Yorkers. The Senate Banking Committee will begin hearings this week on legislation to provide federal loan guarantees to state or local governmental units that are unable to borrow in the capital markets, and the committee's chairman has promised a quick review of the desirability of such legislation.

Speed may very well be of the essence, for the crisis in New York City is both spreading and deepening. President Ford and Treasury Secretary Simon may not yet be troubled by the gathering clouds, but a lot of other people are, including — most significantly now — the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.



### Political Parade

## The primaries will decide

By DAVID BRODER

WASHINGTON — Much of the current discussion about the Republican and Democratic presidential race indicates that some of the fundamentals of the nominating process are being forgotten. It may be helpful, in this moment of relative calm before the candidates storm everyone's eardrums, to recall what we can learn from past experience about the ways in which candidates are chosen.

This column will focus on some of the misapprehensions that seem to be popular at the moment. The next will talk about some of the implications of past experience for the current crop of contenders.

First, the likelihood is that the 1976 nominations will be settled, not in the convention halls, but in the presidential primaries. There will be 30 or more primaries in 1976 — one-third more than there were four years ago.

It may be that the larger number of primaries, combined with the large field of Democratic candidates (ten are declared or about to declare) and the new rules requiring proportional representation in some states, may lead to a brokered convention. That would result if no one had anywhere near a majority going into the first ballot, and multiple roll-calls were required for anyone to achieve a majority.

That is possible. But it can hardly be called likely. The last time either party went beyond one ballot for its nomination was in 1952.

Close to 80 per cent of the convention delegates in both parties will be chosen in states with presidential primaries. The likelihood, therefore, is that the primaries will produce — and predetermine — the convention winner.

That is a virtual certainty in the Republican party, where former California Gov. Ronald Reagan looms as the only potential challenger to President Ford. Either Ford will dispose of the Reagan challenge early and decisively — in New Hampshire and Florida — or he will likely be confronted with the kind of decision Harry Truman faced in 1952 and Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Embarrassed by challengers in the early primaries, both of them withdrew from the race.

It is not quite as certain that the Democratic nomination will be settled in the primaries, because the large field of candidates makes deadlock possible. But the likelihood is that the winner will be the candidate who gains momentum from the early primaries and wins the showdown test against whichever rival or rivals survive the preliminary screenings.

If the nominations are settled in the primaries, it means that the choices are not in the hands of the party leaders or the party machinery. Endorsements may be helpful, if they provide manpower and skills for the primary campaign. But the value of having the big names on your side is heavily discounted in a nominating system which depends, ultimately, on the equally-weighted votes of individual citizens.

Also discounted in value by a primary-dominated nominating system are the Washington reputations of the candidates. The way in which a contender is regarded by others who have served with him and know him well perhaps should be given great weight in judging his or her qualifications for the presidency. But the primary system discounts those peer-group evaluations.

In 1960, official Washington regarded Lyndon Johnson as the master architect of the Senate's work; John Kennedy was an outsider who used the Senate as a showplace but had limited influence within its walls. No matter; Kennedy won the key primaries and Johnson, who stayed in Washington to "mind the store," as he said, never really got into the race.

Four years ago, Sen. Ed Muskie was laden with endorsements and renowned for his prowess as a legislator on urban and environmental issues. Sen. George McGovern was a fellow who sponsored unsuccessful anti-war

"fresh dose of double digit inflation" may appear. And the Labor Department, in releasing the wholesale price index figures, noted that for the past three months combined, prices have increased at a compounded annual rate of 11.1 per cent for wholesale purchasers. This rate, if passed along on the retail level, would return us to the bad old days of double-digit inflation which plagued us for almost two years.

And as if the unsettling news on the inflation front were not enough, the newest figures on nationwide unemployment do not give much reason to cheer. Although the rate dropped slightly — from 8.4 per cent to 8.3 per cent — it increased for adult men and heads of households.

Our nation's recovery from the longest recession since the end of World War II may indeed be under way. But for the unemployed and for all consumers bracing for a new round of inflation, the economic picture remains far from rosy.

amendments and worried about then-marginal programs like food stamps.

Again, the Washington judgment proved irrelevant in the primaries and, therefore, was a misleading guide to the outcome of the nomination battle. McGovern bloomed, while Muskie withered.

Because most political news is written by Washington reporters, their advance judgments on which candidates are "lightweights" and "heavyweights" tend to reflect the parochial views of the Washington world.

We — for this reporter is no more immune from this error than anyone else — tend to discount candidates who come from outside our world. That applies particularly to governors or former governors, or to those who have "failed" in the Washington arena, by dropping out of the Senate, say, as two of the current candidates have done.

That's our bias, but you don't have to let it be imposed on you. You can avoid its misleading implications by focusing on what those primaries really are.

David Broder's column is distributed by the Washington Post-Los Angeles Times News Service.



### Inside Report

## Ford's \$100 billion energy scheme fumble

By ROWLAND EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

ical stunt to come up with something "big," no matter how glaringly out of phase with Ford's repeated pledge to make government smaller, more controllable.

Conservative anti-Ford Republicans see it as a lurch toward commercial welfare statism. The President's entire economic high command sees it as a camouflaged road to vast new "off-budget" spending not reflected in regular budget accounting (widely used by Rockefeller as governor of New York). Big business sees it as a threat to free enterprise, liberal Democrats as a sop to big business.

Indeed, in a rare departure from his normal hands-off policy of presenting economic options without offering his own opinions, White House economic aide William Seidman sent the President a toughly-worded memo just before EIA won Ford's backing. The memo's clear implication: accept this, Mr. President, and you are biting off more than the federal government can chew.

What infuriates the President's political allies in Congress was the absence of any consultation during the long evolution of the Rockefeller plan, despite its glaring departures from the President's perceived economic and political ideology.

In the House Republican cloakroom last week, one conservative Republican tongue-lashed a member of the party's leadership for not having informed the House Republican Conference about EIA. But the leaders themselves knew nothing of the plan until the President announced it in California Sept. 22.

Apart from all else that besets the new-born EIA, this failure to consult Congress — not in keeping with Ford's usual political tact — is another heavy load on its back.

Key Republican members of House energy subcommittees directly involved, Reps. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio and Louis Frey of Florida, had no inkling of EIA until the President's California speech.

The phalanx of administration advisers who have fought major parts of the plan during its birth pangs include Frank Zarb of the Federal Energy Administration and Robert C. Seamans of the Energy Research and Development Administration. It is, therefore, a miracle that word of the fierce bureaucratic infighting never seeped through to Congress.

Rockefeller, not the President, is beneficiary of laudatory stories in liberal newspapers claiming his victory sets him apart from all previous vice presidents as a man of power. But even this dubious political gain may in the end do both Ford and the vice president more harm than good.

Fighting for a second spot on the 1976 Ford ticket, Rockefeller has given Republican conservatives he has been wooing a sharp weapon: a new agency conceived in typically grandiose dimensions by the former governor of New York whose off-budget spending and big government of the past now have gone awry.

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# hawk talk

by Kevin Motley  
John P. Stevens High School

The sophomores held their elections for class officers on September 24, and the following people were elected: Michelle Lamprakes, president; Mike Bloom, vice president; Maria Ciranni, secretary; and Linda Dowling treasurer.

The annual Charles Luz memorial scholarship fund raising show, originally scheduled for November 20, 21, has been erased from the calendar. The purpose of the show is to raise enough money to provide two \$500 scholarships, one to a student entering the vocational field and the other to a student planning to enter a college or university in the fall of 1976. Senior class president Valerie Huber says approximately \$500 was raised last year. What is to be done this year has not been decided.

## men in uniform

Navy Seaman Apprentice Calvin G. Enlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Enlow of 233 South Sixth avenue, Highland Park, was graduated from Basic Radioman School at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

The Metuchen-Edison YMCA has issued a call for all senior males who wish to participate in the Y-Pals Program. Anyone who wants to act as a "big brother" to an underprivileged child may see one of the senior class officers for details. The volunteer may visit his "little brother" any day or days he wishes.

Hand-In-Hand is asking for donations of objects such as books, appliances, etc. which are usable. Further details concerning this program may be obtained from any of the senior class officers.

The powder-puffers are heavily involved in the preparation for the game on October 12, when the senior and junior girls will battle it out on the football field.

On October 9, Joanne Hillman from the George Street Playhouse, in New Brunswick, will visit Lou Homyak's drama I and II classes.

Highland Park Public Library in conjunction with the libraries of South Middlesex has designated the week of October 5-11 as Library Emphasis Week.

October 6 starts the week with Newcomer's Day. Meet the staff from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The library will have a Telnews art exhibit from October 6-10. These paintings are original water-colors of historical interest painted by New Jersey artists. They are on loan from the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

At 10:30 a.m., October 7, there will be a story hour for children four and five years old. At 1:30 p.m. senior citizen's open house will be held and Carolyn Kuhlthau will demonstrate early American crafts and techniques. This is also open to the public of all ages.

A story hour for three year

olds will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m., October 8. Another story hour will be held for four and five year olds.

On October 9, at 1:30 p.m., Mrs. John Woodland will tell how to create floral arrangements.

Cartoon crazies of Betty Boop, Gerald McBoin Boing and others will be shown in the children's room at 3:30 p.m. October 10.

On October 11, 12, the Friends of the Library will have their annual book sale at the Highland Park Recreation Building, Raritan avenue between Second and Third avenues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is free parking at this location.

The Friends also are sponsoring a book discussion series on Philip Roth.

Roberta Glassner of Highland Park, writer and

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# week

skill and artistry of medieval craftsmen, these memorial brasses also represent one of the few permanent records of the fashions in military and civilian dress popular during the middle ages.

Dr. and Mrs. Maples are residents of Highland Park. Library borrowers may use their Highland Park Library card at East Brunswick, New Brunswick, North Brunswick and South Brunswick libraries.

Eunice Marowitz, director and staff urge all residents of the borough to come to the library to browse, borrow books and take advantage of the many programs.

Ms. Glassner, a resident of the borough has led similar discussions on the novels of E. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Nathanael West.

The library will feature an exhibition of brass rubbings throughout the month. The rubbings, done by Dr. and Mrs. Peter Maples during a three year stay in England, will include examples of military, ecclesiastical, and civilian brasses laid down in British Churches and Cathedrals between 1360 and 1510.

In addition to displaying

## Topic is assertiveness

Barbara Maher of Berkeley Heights will teach a course on assertiveness training for women at the YM & YWHA of Raritan Valley, 2 South Adelaide avenue, Highland Park.

Mrs. Maher, counselor and workshop leader for EVE, the Women's Center of Kean College, Union, is also a free-

lance consultant in career planning; assertiveness training, affirmative action and sex-role issues.

The course, beginning October 13 at 7:30 p.m., will run for eight consecutive weeks. Pre-registration is required. Call Judith Wilner, 249-2221 for further information.

## Cedar lane to be widened

With council approval of \$20,000 for engineering fees, work is expected to start on the widening of Cedar lane, Highland Park, which is a primary access road, not only to the 435 apartments located on the lane, but to Livingston College, the new motor vehicle station, the Rutgers sports complex now under construction and the proposed new county vocational school scheduled for the Kilmer area.

The county proposed the tri-partite arrangement with Rutgers providing the land and the county the construction in order to get the project accomplished, since funds were not available to finance the entire project.

"This constitutes a specific savings for the

into this three-way arrangement, we would have to install a permanent four-way traffic light at the intersection of Cedar lane and River road to replace the temporary one installed earlier. This would involve a considerably larger sum than the \$20,000. Now the permanent light will be installed by the county."

All council members except Harold Berman voted for the expenditure. He claimed that it was a "four-lane road going nowhere," and that since it was a county road, the county should pay the total cost.

In other business, the council has approved a year's contract for a dental and insurance plan for the

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## 4,500 to march in bicentennial

Some 4,500 marchers will strut in Edison's bicentennial parade, October 5 at 1:15 p.m. along Amboy avenue from King George road to Jackson avenue.

Grand marshal is Dora Engel, a lifelong resident of the township who is active in community affairs. Mrs. Engel, along with the 40 marshals will be dressed in colonial costumes. Andrew G. Lipnick is parade chairman.

The judges stand will be located in front of the Midlantic Bank on Amboy avenue. Bicentennial plaques will be awarded in the following categories: marching band, marching unit senior, junior divisions, drill team, twirling unit junior, senior divisions, color guard, antique car, floats, novelty.

Entries received to date are:

**BANDS:** J. P. Stevens High School, St. Peters High School-New Brunswick, Edison High School, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School, Piscataway High School, American Legion #65-Metuchen; sponsored by United Democrats of Edison, Colonial Fife & Drum Corp.-Old Bridge, Bound Brook High School, The Saints Jr. Drum & Bugle Corp., Sayreville High School, 78th Division-U. S. Army, South Plainfield High School, Highland Park High School,

Rahway High School, Immaculata-Somerville, Duncellen High School, Thomas Jefferson Junior High Fife, American Irish Tin Whistle-Woodbridge, Sundowners, Sons of the Shillelaghs.

**COLOR GUARD:** American Legion Clara Barton #324, American Legion Father & Son #435, American Legion Post #3117, VFW Post #10122, Scotch Plains, U.S.M.C., Hopelawn Youth Association, Jewish War Vets, Raritan Bay Post #43, Colonial American Legion Post #248, Edison Memorial Post VFW #3117, American Legion #65, Metuchen, Rutgers Colonial Guard, Joseph J. Gardner Detachment, Marine Corp League.

**DRILL TEAM:** St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Marionettes American Legion #324, Rutgers University Queen's Guard, Riflettes, East Brunswick.

**FLOATS:** North Edison Association of Girl Scouts, Edison Township Education Association, Clara Barton Women's Club, South End Democratic Club, Hi-Woods Civic Association, Senior Citizens-Edison, Menlo Park Merchants Association, Jaycees Clara Barton First Aid Squad, Edison Moose Lodge, Gino's Inc., B'nai B'rith Women-Ramot Chapter, American Legion Post #3117, Knights of

Columbus of Edison, St. Matthew's PTA, VFW Post #10122, Scotch Plains, The Wanderers, South Plainfield, Edison Jewish Community Center-Temple Beth-El, Lindeneau PTA, Girl Scout #1271, Edison Young Dems, St. Stephens Lutheran Youth Group, Clara Barton Democratic Club, N. J. Job Corp., Edison High School-Class of '76, Edison Memorial Post Auxiliary, VFW #3117, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School.

**MARCHING UNITS:** H & K Volunteer Fire Co., Stelton Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Country Promenaders-Square Dance Club, St. Matthew's School (Band, Twirlers, etc.), Edison Police Wives Association, Avenel Detachment, USMC League, Edison Elks B.P.O.E. 2487, Girl Scout #436, Clark Volunteer Fire Dept., Edison Vol. Fire Co. #1, Knights of Columbus, Edison, Middlesex County Police Academy, League of Women Voters, Edison ROTC-St. Pius X, Piscataway, Hopelawn Youth Association, Junior Girl Scouts #473, Our Lady of Peace Cub Pack #53, Girl Scout Troop #1010, Cub Pack #75, Mayor & Council, Nixon Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Edison Paid Fire Dept., Cub Pack #78, American Legion Middlesex County Executive Committee, Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Co., Girl



**PARADE DRESS--** Here are the official costumes for the more than 40 marshals who will march in the Edison

Bicentennial Parade October 5. Modeling their garb are (l-r) Tricia Campbell, Andrew G. Lipnick, parade

chairman, Annmarie Vosseler, all marshals. Grand marshal is Dora Engel.

Scouts #1214.

**ANTIQUE CARS:** Al Melga, Paul Dean, New Brunswick, Raymond McDowell, Edison, John Black, Woodbridge, Joe Shirley, Edison, United Way of Central Jersey.

**TWIRLERS:** St. Pius X, Piscataway, C-Bettes,

Highland Park, Edison Recreation Twirlers.

**JUNIOR TWIRLERS:** Spotswood Sparklers, Sequinettes of Piscataway, Iselinettes Baton & Drum Corp., Laurenettes of Iselin, Honey's Honeybees, Colonia, Silver Starlights.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Bo's

Den-3 piece band, International House of Pancakes, Edison Police Dept., Raritan Engine Co. #1, J. J. Ryan, Trophy Car, Ray Saunders, Decorated Van, North Plainfield, Ray's Rough Riders, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Smokey the Bear, Edison Rescue & First Aid #1.



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## Bicentennial: looking ahead...

### East Brunswick

**Summer '75--** Dedication of a township park at Farrington Lake, a tract of land acquired under the Green Acres Program. Following a plan developed by landscape architects of Rutgers, the State University, this Bicentennial Park will eventually have a marina for canoes and sailboats, nature trails, additional baseball fields, a soccer and football field, paddle tennis, etc. As part of our bicentennial celebration, four tennis courts will be opened and dedicated this summer.

**September 27, 1975--** The Village Fair by the East Brunswick Historical Society will be a visit to yesteryear as colonial crafts will be demonstrated. Township residents will tour the Old Bridge section of the township where many 18th and early 19th century homes still exist. Since this area was once a hub of commerce and pottery-making was one of the main sources of income, a commemorative bottle will be sold. Doris Herbert is the chairperson and anyone willing to demonstrate a colonial craft should call her at 254-5917.

**October 1975--** A Film Festival. Four American Heritage films will be shown in township schools for students and there will be evening performances for adults. Tom Hubbard is chairperson.

**November 22, 1975--** Bicentennial Ball at the Battleground Country Club. On this occasion, the Mayor's Mantle, a medal of office to be transferred from Mayor to Mayor, will be presented. Gloria Bonamici is chairperson.

**February 1976--** Displays and exhibits of the Revolutionary era in the Municipal Building. Gloria Lee Meyer is chairperson.

**April 1976--** Dedication of Library.

**June 1976--** Cavalcade of Fashion--fashion show of clothing from colonial days to today. Marion Thomas and her students from the Adult Education Program are in charge. Anyone willing to loan costumes or parts of costumes, call Mrs. Thomas at 249-8552.

**June 14, 1976 Flag Day--** Route #18 in East Brunswick will be declared a Bicentennial Highway and standards will be flown along the route. Sponsors of this activity are the Elks Club and the Industrial Advisory Board.

**June 19, through July 4, 1976--** is the Bicentennial Fortnight, a culminating celebration. There will be daily events under the direction of Tom Hubbard.

**July 4, 1976--** A day-long celebration beginning with an inter-faith service and concluding with a picnic and fireworks. James Hazelton will be in charge.

### Edison

The Edison Bicentennial Parade will be Sunday, October 5, 1975. It will be routed along Amboy avenue. Floats, bands, marchers, twirlers and novelty units will be involved. All interested participants should contact Andrew Lipnick of the Recreation Department at 287-0900, ext. 203. Also, requests for \$3.75 Edison Bicentennial mugs should be directed to Mr. Lipnick.

The Edison school system is writing a book about the township history and the Edison vs. J.P. Stevens High School football game will have bicentennial emphasis November 15. At halftime, players will re-enact the first Rutgers vs. Princeton football game, in addition to other forms of entertainment. Additional events are planned at schools.

The Township Council has approved naming the proposed park on Central avenue "Bicentennial Park". A fireworks display is planned there July 4, 1976.

The Cultural Arts Department will sponsor a Bicentennial Bus Trip to Philadelphia October 13, 1975. Many historic sites will be visited. Tickets are \$3 each; contact Mrs. Susan Rosenblum, 287-0900, ext. 276. Also planned is an all-encompassing art show in January of 1976. Interested entrants should contact Mrs. Rosenblum and the department has booked the

Pickwick Players to present "Buffalo Bill," a puppet show, next January.

Next February 11, Thomas A. Edison's birthday, the bicentennial committee plans a bicentennial ball at the Pines Manor. Colonial dress is optional; tickets are \$17.76 each. Planting of a red oak tree is planned in October. And the committee is offering official bicentennial flags to residents, ranging in price from \$4.90 to \$21.50.

The main library, 340 Plainfield avenue, has posted a calendar of all bicentennial activities being held in Edison. All groups are encouraged to contact the library for inclusion of their events on the calendar. Call 287-2298, and ask for Mrs. Aurora Bacon, Library Director.

Quilting "bees" and colonial craft programs, lectures, and exhibits are planned by the libraries for adults. Numerous books on the Revolution are available, and new Bicentennial publications have been ordered. Children's librarians have numerous events planned for the children: examples are films, stories and colonial crafts such as potato printing, puppets, corn husk or pipe cleaner dolls.

Pre-registration begins July 14 at the libraries for the children's film "Festival of American Folk Heroes," to be shown July 23.

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The Chamber of Commerce has also compiled an exhibit of Thomas A. Edison memorabilia which may be borrowed by calling 287-1951. It includes a replica of the 'Wizard of Menlo Park's' first lightbulb, an original Edison phonograph and

recordings, a 16 mm film of the first commercial movie made, 'The Great Train Robbery' (1906), as well as posterboards illustrating the great inventor's career.

*Communities in Middlesex County, where history was made during the American Revolution, will try to recapture some of their illustrious past over the next 18 months, during the nation's official Bicentennial observance. On pages 1, 2 and 3, the Weekend Sentinel presents a preview of some of the ways in which our communities will celebrate. We wish to thank the Bicentennial Committees of the various towns for helping us compile the information for this special edition.*

### Highland Park

The Highland Park Bicentennial Planning Committee has adopted the position that any and all activities undertaken to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the United States should be of a nature that would foster an increased sense of community--activities and events that would serve as a reaffirmation of that community spirit that brought 13 diverse colonies through a war for independence and eventually to unification under a federal system. To further this goal, the committee has been working in conjunction with many other borough organizations to develop activities that will be available for all members of the community.

The borough was officially designated a bicentennial community by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration last March, and proudly flies the Bicentennial flag at Borough Hall. Commemorative activities began in the fall of 1974, with a free concert presented by the United States Army Band. The musical tribute, attended by 1,000 people, was arranged through the efforts of Alfred Weissman of the Highland Park Arts Commission. The community education program of the Board of Education presented a free film series in October, "The Changing American Dream: A Bicentennial View". Approximately 50 residents attended and participated in the subsequent discussions.

Future scheduled events include two productions sponsored by the Arts Commission. On January 15, 1976, the Trenton State Choral Group will present "Yankee Doodle Fought Here" at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Under the direction of Robert Stevens, a communitywide production of "1776" will be presented on March 15, 1976. All residents of Highland Park will be invited to audition for cast and band positions in early January.

The public library and bicentennial committee have received a grant of \$250 to complete an oral history of the borough. This will be started in the fall, using both students and senior citizens. The public schools are planning activities to be included within the curriculum and will open the '75-76' school year flying "Betsy Ross" flags. These replicas of the first flag of

our country were donated by the PTA's.

The committee is also discussing projects that can be held in conjunction with activities of other borough commissions. Another area under consideration is a renewal of the Park Town Outing to be held in the summer of 1976. The Planning Committee will meet in early September to finalize these and other programs. Interested members of the community are urged to attend. Notice of the time and place will be posted in The Recorder and the 'Boro News.'

### Madison

**Sunday, July 6** A time capsule will be "launched" in front of the township municipal building at 11 a.m.

**August 2--** Salt Water Day at the Laurence Harbor beach. Booths sponsored by township residents, civic organizations and clubs, will be set up on the beach for an expected attendance of 20,000 people. Most of the exhibits are in the colonial vein. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**March 6, 1976--** Bicentennial Ball. Dinner dance to raise money for the Bicentennial Commission.

**June 5, 1976--** Block parties in the various sections of the township. So far Sayrewoods South, Madison Park, and Cheesequake have decided to join in with their own celebrations of the bicentennial.

**July 3, 1976--** Fireworks sponsored by the recreation department. On the same day, a time capsule will be buried at the new municipal building, to be at the intersection of Route 516 and Cottrell road.

**August 7, 1976--** Salt Water Day.

### Metuchen

Bicentennial committee activities planned for Metuchen include the following:

**Spring and Summer 1975 and 1976--** Cleanup campaign sponsored by the Exchange Club which will include the Old Colonial Cemetery, the planting of shrubs on its embankment and painting of the train station.

**July 1975--** Ruth Terwilliger will conduct workshops on the format for oral interviews at the library July 15 and 17. Mrs. Terwilliger has been taping oral interviews with longtime residents of the borough for the past two years.

**October 1975--** "The Way We Were," bicentennial scrapbook, should be completed. Every civic organization has been asked to draw up a three-page summary of the club's

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## ...at how we'll be looking back



# Bicentennial

continued

history and prominent projects. Picture of officers, members and projects will be included.

April 1976-- A bicentennial photo contest will be sponsored by the library.

May 1976-- Public school bicentennial "happening." Folk dancing, fife and drum shows and historical reenactments and displays are planned. The third annual house tour will raise money to continue the restoration of the Old Colonial Cemetery.

July 1976-- A parade, borough-wide picnic and historical reenactments are planned for the Fourth of July weekend.

A Revolutionary War Memorial Fund will be started to finance the creation of a park out of the cemetery.

## Milltown

Friday's Fourth of July parade and fireworks launched an ambitious Bicentennial schedule in Milltown. What follows is only a partial list of events planned:

1975

October-- 'Prelude to Victory', a play, sponsored by Milltown Lodge 294 about George Washington and Nathan Hale.

November-- Possible erection of a bulletin board and banner declaring Milltown's theme of 'Recognition, Recollection, Rededication.'

December-- First issue of a newsletter and possible ecumenical service.

1976

January-- Official flag raising ceremony: U. S., Borough, Bicentennial flags, by VFW, Legion. Declaration by mayor, rename Main street for one year.

February-- Planning recreation of first council

meeting, period costume. Declaration of Heritage, other indoor events.

March-- Poster contest in the schools, bicentennial theme; borough-wide talent contest.

April-- Tree plantings by the Shade Tree Committee, Milt Cowan chairman, April 17, Library Ball, with a Bicentennial theme.

May-- Bicentennial Junior Olympics sponsored by Recreation Commission; proclamation by mayor for Milltown's 80th birthday.

June-- Display of pre-revolutionary items in Edison Bank. Poster contest winners to be announced.

July-- Gala Fourth of July parade, declaration by mayor of 'Independence Month.'

August-- Swimming meet contemplated; Milltown booth at the county fair to promote town.

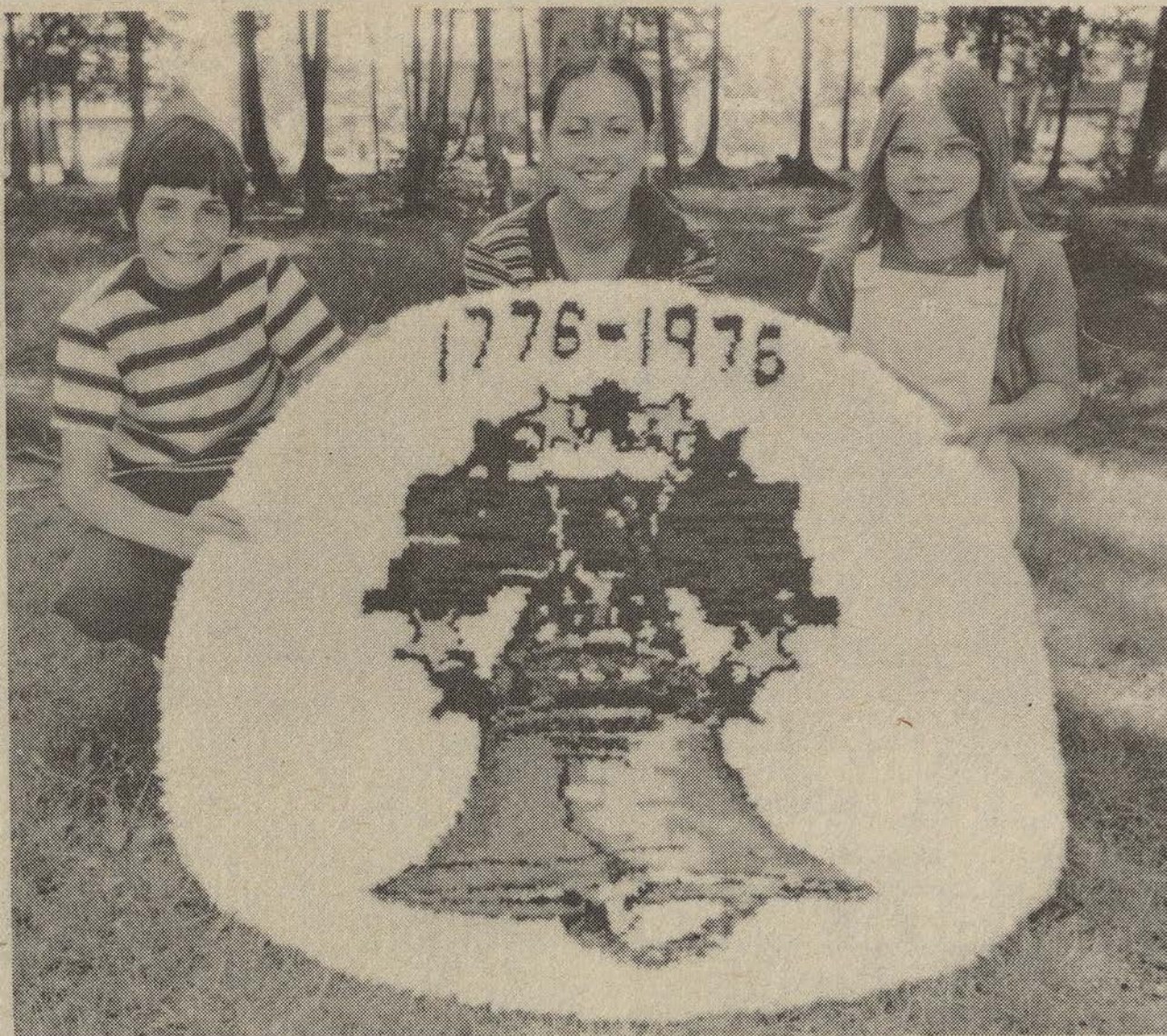
September-- 'Olde Tyme Towne Picnic' in the planning stage; bicentennial tree plantings requested by the governor.

October-- Arts and cultural show.

November-- 'Made in Milltown' industrial show, with local industries asked to contribute.

December-- Wind-up awards dinner planned.

The commission has about 20 other events still projected, along with the regularly scheduled events Milltown holds each year. The sale of Betsy Ross flags



will be continued.

Anyone who would like to work on any committee may contact Councilman Dransfield, chairman.

## Sayreville

A dual celebration--the 200th anniversary of America and the 100th of Sayreville--begins this Sunday, July 6, at a bicentennial reception from 3 p.m. on at the Sayreville VFW Hall, Jernee Mill road. Tickets are \$1, at the door. Other major events

planned in 1975-76:

October 25, 1975-- A costume ball, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at St. Stanislaus recreation hall. Tickets, \$7.50, include a Harvest-type dinner and music by the Buddy Dee Orchestra. Costumes are optional.

June 5, 1976-- A bicentennial parade (rain date June 6).

July 1976-- A slide presentation on the borough will be completed.

Displays of local historical memorabilia will open this fall. Other special programs are planned by the Historical Society, such as a booklet and calendar with scenes from the town's early days.

The bicentennial committee is also coordinating special workshop services, lectures, a concert, and many school programs, and is encouraging local civic groups to join in the celebration.

## South River

South River

South River's bicentennial activities have been tentatively planned as follows:

1975

September-- Fireworks display sponsored by the Recreation Department.

October-- Halloween costume party and window decorating.

November-- Memorial services in conjunction with Veterans Month.

December-- Religious services planned by local

churches.

1976

January-- Open house at the library, designated bicentennial headquarters. February-- Presidential

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**LIBERTY RUG--** The 25 students in Mrs. Pamela Azarewicz' fifth grade at Judd School in North Brunswick spent the past year learning to hook a rug. The product of their efforts is a handsome red and blue liberty bell on a white background, in honor of the Bicentennial. Completion of the rug coincided with the end of school, and it was officially presented to the school at an assembly last week. It will be on permanent display in the lobby. Looking over their handiwork with their teacher are Marty Horvath and Kathy Nuese.

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**BICEN-LICENSE--** Michael Dittmyre, a 10-year-old license plate collector from Spotswood, was chosen by the New Jersey Bicentennial Commission to display the new bicentennial plate. He also holds one of New Jersey's first plates from his collection of over 400 plates from every state in the union.

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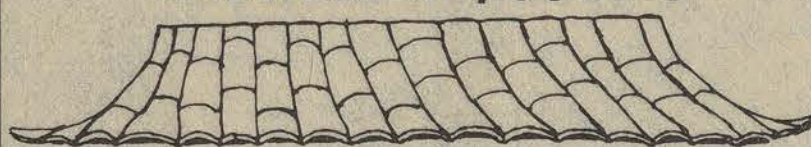


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# *RTP: An assault on public consciousness*

*By Etta Fielek, News Tribune staff writer*

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Bicentennial (EDISON --  
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The News Tribune, Woodbridge, N.J.—Friday, March 7, 1975

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# Edison planning for Bicentennial

EDISON — The Bicentennial Committee has discussed plans for the upcoming celebration before about 34 members of the township organizations.

The committee has scheduled some activities but is still considering many more

suggestions, according to Councilman Herbert Daugherty, chairman.

Plans so far include a parade Oct. 10 sponsored by the township Recreation Department, a history of Edison to be compiled by the township school system's history departments and a Bicenten-

nial Ball for sometime in February, sponsored by the committee.

The Jaycees also recommended that a park or a memorial be dedicated to the Bicentennial celebration.

The library will sponsor a Bicentennial puppet show in

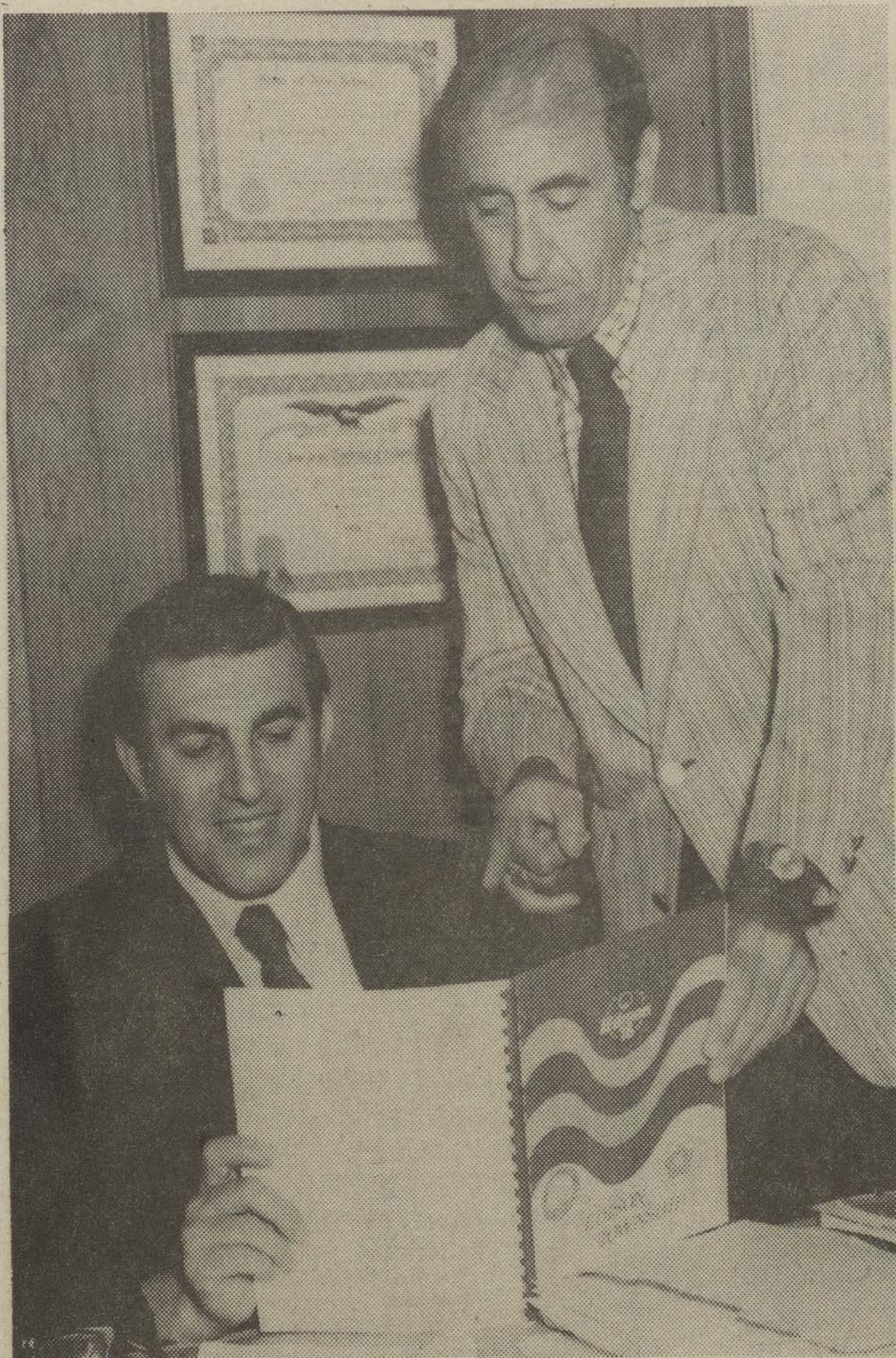
April and various programs with guest speakers, according to Librarian Mrs. Aurora Bacon.

The Edison Cultural Arts Council will sponsor an arts festival at John P. Stevens High School May 10 in conjunction with the Recreation Department.

Tentative plans also call for the township senior citizens to perform a minstrel show, hold an arts and crafts display and a historical fashion show.

The committee hopes to begin publishing a newsletter in April which will continue to update celebration plans.





**TRIBUTE TO TOWNSHIP'S NAMESAKE** — Charles A. Boyle, standing, superintendent of Edison Township Schools, and Mayor Thomas Paterniti inspect a brochure containing historical essays about the inventor Thomas A. Edison and the township. Faculty members and students in the township's high schools combined efforts for the project commissioned by the Edison American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration Committee.



# Area Calendar

## Tomorrow

### Municipal meetings

EDISON - Board of Education, caucus session, 8 p.m., Superintendent's office, Woodbridge Avenue.  
 OLD BRIDGE - Zoning Board, 8 p.m., at the township hall, Route 1.

### Political

HAZLET - Republican Club, 8:30 p.m., at Bu...

### Religious

SOUTH BRIDGE - Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m., at the church.

WOODBIDGE - Free Public Library of Woodbridge, Hippity Hoppity Club for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., at the Main branch, children's room, George Frederick Plaza. Preregistration required.

### Club activities

CARTERET - Polish American Club, meeting, 8:30 p.m., club rooms, 129 Randolph St.

### Senior Citizens

FORDS - Senior Citizens, meeting, 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Peace cafeteria.  
 PERTH AMBOY - "The Seniors" bus trip to a luncheon and the play "Never Too Late," at the Watchung View Inn, buses leave 10:30 a.m., from Market Square.

### Volunteers sought to assist shut-ins

MATAWAN - The Monmouth County Welfare Board Volunteer Services Unit said there is an urgent need for volunteers to deliver Mobile Meals at lunchtime to elderly and disabled shut-ins.

The services unit said summer replacements are needed for regular volunteers while they are on vacation. Volunteers are assigned a route for one day a week. Deliveries can usually be made in from an hour to 90 minutes.

Additional information may be obtained from Ruth Barton at the services unit office, 106 Apple St., Tinton Falls.

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### Groups

with Women Sabra, 8:30 p.m., at the Road.

### Library activities

CARTERET - Carteret Free Public Library, children's films, 10:30 a.m., 63 Carteret Ave.  
 PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Library, film, "Tales of New Jersey," 3 p.m., at the Neighborhood Theater, Oliver Street.  
 SHREWSBURY - Monmouth County Library, Special Children's Events: Magic Show, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Eastern branch, Route 35.

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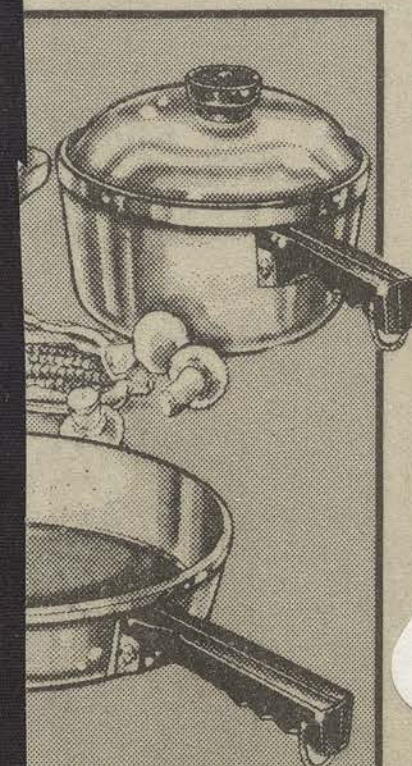
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LEADING THE PARADE — Dora Engel, widow of former Edison Mayo Julius C. Engel, greets a bystander during the township's Bicentennial parade yesterday. The parade down Amboy Avenue lasted four hours.

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# The Home News



RUMBLING ALONG AMBOY AVENUE . . . in Edison's Bicentennial parade were the occupants of this antique Ford roadster

Home News photos by Denis O'Keefe



HERE COMES THE BALLOON MAN . . . and children ask parents for a Bicentennial souvenir

## Festive parade leads Bicentennial into Edison

By DAN LAZARE  
Home News staff writer

EDISON — As the Raritan Engine Co. No. 2 float crept down Amboy Avenue, it was pursued by a small army of children, who screamed, jumped up and down and ran through the spectators who lined the street.

They were chasing after candy which firemen tossed by the handful. The same firemen also playfully doused the kids and onlookers with a fine spray of water.

When the float neared the company's headquarters, some of their comrades were waiting with a garden hose of their own. A water fight ensued — a boisterous water fight everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

The incident set the tone for yesterday's Edison township Bicentennial parade, which was perhaps the biggest marching extravaganza the township has ever seen.

About 6,000 marchers took part in the march, which included 29 floats and 130 organizations. The parade took about four hours to wend its way past the reviewing stand in front of the MidLantic Bank on

Amboy Avenue, and police estimated that there were 6,000 spectators.

Everyone agreed the procession was of epic proportions. But if the numbers were huge, the mood was light and relaxed. Tree-shaded front lawns were dotted with lounge chairs and spectators came equipped with six-packs of soda or beer.

It was a congenial way to pass a cool, autumn afternoon.

"It's pretty good," said David Milsik, 13, who lives just off the parade route. "The parade had a lot of bands, a lot of interesting floats."

Karen Walsh, 12, who was threading her bike through a thick crowd, agreed. "It's the longest we've had in a long time," she said. "And it's the first time that all the people are out of their houses."

"A lot of people I know are in it" was the reason Karen Friis, 12, said she enjoyed the parade. And Russell Counterman, 14, said he had seen many parades before, but maintained yesterday's was among the best.

"It's such a strange experience, walking around in a parade," observed Henry

Rosen, 17, who works at the Clara Barton branch of the township library. People played their roles with a sense of humor. One man, who was dressed in an Indian costume, which included an outlandish black wig, grinned as he passed people he knew.

Discipline in most of the marching bands was loose. In between numbers, a few musicians would dissolve into giggles and jostle their companions.

And marchers thought nothing of leaving their places to say hello to a friend, or to buy a hotdog.

The parade was scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m. but the first marcher did not pass the reviewing stand until nearly 2. The grand marshal was Mrs. Dora Engel, wife of the late Julius C. Engel, a former township mayor. Following closely behind was N.J. Secretary of State J. Edward Crabel.

Roger Yuhas, 20, was the kind of spectator that every marcher would appreciate. Situated at the end of the parade route, Yuhas wildly cheered the last, tired marchers.

"They have a parade for me, and I keep

them happy as they go down the street," he explained. "They think I'm crazy, but I'm having more fun than they are," he said as he furiously applauded a weary-looking majorette.

And finally, as the parade diminished to a trickle, Yuhas said, "I'm looking for a sign that says, 'The End.'"

A panel of judges made awards to ten categories:

- Best marching band: Piscataway High School, first place; South Plainfield High School, second; Sayreville War Memorial High School, third.
- Best marching senior unit: Edison Fire Department, first place, Rahway High School band, second.
- Best marching junior unit: Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, Edison, first place; Nixon Neighborhood Girl Scouts of Edison, second.
- Best drill team: Rifle-ettes of East Brunswick, first place; Queens Guard of Rutgers, second.
- Best twirling senior unit: Sayreville War Memorial High School, first place; Bound Brook High School, second.
- Best twirling junior unit: Silver

Stalights, first place; Piscataway Sequettes, second; Edison recreation twirlers, honorable mention.

- Best color guards: Combined Edison High School and J.P. Stevens High School Colonial Color Guards, first place; Colonia American Legion Post 240, second; Fathers and Sons American Legion post 435, Edison, third.

- Best antique car: a 1929 Hupmobile, owned by Al Melega.

- Best novelty unit: Tied for first place were the Ukrainian-American Club of Carteret and the Country Promenaders Square Dancers of Staten Island.

- Floats: St. Matthews P.T.A. of Edison had the float which was judged the one that best captures the spirit of the Bicentennial celebration; the most artistic float was entered by Ed Kolowitz of Metuchen; The most original float belonged to the Clara Barton Women's Club of Edison; the float entered by the Edison Exchange Club was judged the most beautiful; and the Edison Moose Club received an honorable mention for their float.



# The Home News

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## Recovery yes, but...

Economists of all stripes — from conservative to liberal — seem to agree now that economic recovery is under way, even well established as of the third quarter of the year.

What worries them all, however, is that in spite of the generally favorable economic outlook, our old nemesis, inflation, is once again rearing its ugly head.

The wholesale price index for September moved up .6 per cent from August, with price increases spread over a broad front, from food and fuels to industrial commodities. The upswing in industrial commodities, in fact, is especially worrisome because it portends consumer price increases down the road for clothing, homes, cars and furnishings, and it translates into higher prices for businesses for raw materials, machinery and equipment.

Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns told a congressional budget committee last week he's concerned now that a

"fresh dose of double digit inflation" may appear. And the Labor Department, in releasing the wholesale price index figures, noted that for the past three months combined, prices have increased at a compounded annual rate of 11.1 per cent for wholesale purchasers. This rate, if passed along on the retail level, would return us to the bad old days of double-digit inflation which plagued us for almost two years.

And as if the unsettling news on the inflation front were not enough, the newest figures on nationwide unemployment do not give much reason to cheer. Although the rate dropped slightly — from 8.4 per cent to 8.3 per cent — it increased for adult men and heads of households.

Our nation's recovery from the longest recession since the end of World War II may indeed be under way. But for the unemployed and for all consumers bracing for a new round of inflation, the economic picture remains far from rosy.

## Editorials

### Burns joins NYC worriers

It's not just the prospect of a new dose of double digit inflation that is troubling Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns.

He's worried now about New York City's increasingly serious financial plight.

"If this crisis isn't resolved," he told a congressional committee last week, "it could injure the recovery process that is under way in the national economy."

That's all Burns would say about New York City's problems. But it was enough to raise the city's hopes that some kind of federal help might be forthcoming. If no-

thing else, this first indication that the previously noncommittal Fed is worried about the ramifications of a default by New York City — and even by New York State — should help spur Congress into action.

With the Ford administration — led by President Ford himself — turning a resolutely deaf ear to pleas from municipal officials from around the country to do something to contain the New York City crisis, Congress is the last best hope for New Yorkers. The Senate Banking Committee will begin hearings this week on legislation to provide federal loan guarantees to state or local governmental units that are unable to borrow in the capital markets, and the committee's chairman has promised a quick review of the desirability of such legislation.

Speed may very well be of the essence, for the crisis in New York City is both spreading and deepening. President Ford and Treasury Secretary Simon may not yet be troubled by the gathering clouds, but a lot of other people are, including — most significantly now — the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

### Political Parade

## The primaries will decide

By DAVID BRODER



WASHINGTON — Much of the current discussion about the Republican and Democratic presidential race indicates that some of the fundamentals of the nominating process are being forgotten. It may be helpful, in this moment of relative calm before the candidates storm everyone's eardrums, to recall what we can learn from past experience about the ways in which candidates are chosen.

This column will focus on some of the misapprehensions that seem to be popular at the moment. The next will talk about some of the implications of past experience for the current crop of contenders.

First, the likelihood is that the 1976 nominations will be settled, not in the convention halls, but in the presidential primaries. There will be 30 or more primaries in 1976 — one-third more than there were four years ago.

It may be that the larger number of primaries, combined with the large field of Democratic candidates (ten are declared or about to declare) and the new rules requiring proportional representation in some states, may lead to a brokered convention. That would result if no one had anywhere near a majority going into the first ballot, and multiple roll-calls were required for anyone to achieve a majority.

That is possible. But it can hardly be called likely. The last time either party went beyond one ballot for its nomination was in 1952.

Close to 80 per cent of the convention delegates in both parties will be chosen in states with presidential primaries. The likelihood, therefore, is that the primaries will produce — and predetermine — the convention winner.

That is a virtual certainty in the Republican party, where former California Gov. Ronald Reagan looms as the only potential challenger to President Ford. Either Ford will dispose of the Reagan challenge early and decisively — in New Hampshire and Florida — or he will likely be confronted with the kind of decision Harry Truman faced in 1952 and Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Embarrassed by challengers in the early primaries, both of them withdrew from the race.

It is not quite as certain that the Democratic nomination will be settled in the primaries, because the large field of candidates makes deadlock possible. But the likelihood is that the winner will be the candidate who gains momentum from the early primaries and wins the showdown test against whichever rival or rivals survive the preliminary screenings.

If the nominations are settled in the primaries, it means that the choices are not in the hands of the party leaders or the party machinery. Endorsements may be helpful, if they provide manpower and skills for the primary campaign. But the value of having the big names on your side is heavily discounted in a nominating system which depends, ultimately, on the equally-weighted votes of individual citizens.

Also discounted in value by a primary-dominated nominating system are the Washington reputations of the candidates. The way in which a contender is regarded by others who have served with him and know him well perhaps should be given great weight in judging his or her qualifications for the presidency. But the primary system discounts those peer-group evaluations.

In 1960, official Washington regarded Lyndon Johnson as the master architect of the Senate's work; John Kennedy was an outsider who used the Senate as a showplace but had limited influence within its walls. No matter; Kennedy won the key primaries and Johnson, who stayed in Washington to "mind the store," as he said, never really got into the race.

Four years ago, Sen. Ed Muskie was laden with endorsements and renowned for his prowess as a legislator on urban and environmental issues. Sen. George McGovern was a fellow who sponsored unsuccessful anti-war

amendments and worried about then-marginal programs like food stamps.

Again, the Washington judgment proved irrelevant in the primaries and, therefore, was a misleading guide to the outcome of the nomination battle. McGovern bloomed, while Muskie withered.

Because most political news is written by Washington reporters, their advance judgments on which candidates are "lightweights" and "heavyweights" tend to reflect the parochial views of the Washington world.

We — for this reporter is no more immune from this error than anyone else — tend to discount candidates who come from outside our world. That applies particularly to governors or former governors, or to those who have "failed" in the Washington arena, by dropping out of the Senate, say, as two of the current candidates have done.

That's our bias, but you don't have to let it be imposed on you. You can avoid its misleading implications by focusing on what those primaries really are.

David Broder's column is distributed by the Washington Post-Los Angeles Times News Service.



### Inside Report

## Ford's \$100 billion energy scheme fumble

By ROWLAND EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — During a break at a meeting of corporate magnates and congressmen in Hot Springs, Va., last week, an Exxon executive sidled over to a Republican congressman and quietly denounced President Ford's \$100 billion scheme to make the U.S. energy-independent.

"Send that plan to Congress and you have put the camel's nose of government ownership under the tent of the free enterprise system," the oilman said angrily.

Considering the firestorm of abuse — political and economic — that has fallen on the Energy Independence Authority (EIA), drafted in considerable secrecy by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller's brain trust, the Exxon official's view was scarcely unique. No presidential program in recent memory has been shot at right from the launch pad with such withering fire from so many big guns as the Ford-Rockefeller energy scheme.

Pro-Ford Republicans see EIA as a thinly-veiled polit-

ical stunt to come up with something "big," no matter how glaringly out of phase with Ford's repeated pledge to make government smaller, more controllable.

Conservative anti-Ford Republicans see it as a lurch toward commercial welfare statism. The President's entire economic high command sees it as a camouflaged road to vast new "off-budget" spending not reflected in regular budget accounting (widely used by Rockefeller as governor of New York). Big business sees it as a threat to free enterprise, liberal Democrats as a sop to big business.

Indeed, in a rare departure from his normal hands-off policy of presenting economic options without offering his own opinions, White House economic aide William Seidman sent the President a toughly-worded memo just before EIA won Ford's backing. The memo's clear implication: accept this, Mr. President, and you are bit-

ing off more than the federal government can chew.

Why, then, did cautious, consensus-minded Jerry Ford embrace the \$100 billion plan?

Answer No. 1: Stuck in a veto rut he dare not leave, the President wants one glorious made-by-Ford initiative for 1976 campaigning so he cannot be stigmatized as Mr. Veto. Insiders believe this view influenced White House chief of staff Don Rumsfeld, who was equivocal, and Commerce Secretary Rogers Morton, who supported the plan as chairman of the Energy Resources Council.

Answer No. 2: Rockefeller has been drafting plans for his \$100 billion baby for months, tapping his far-flung brain trust. Rockefeller's commitment "up to his eyeballs," in the phrase of one unhappy energy official, had potent effect on the President, who had promised broad authority over domestic programming to his vice president.

Answer No. 3: Energy independence, Ford feels, is as important to the U.S. as national defense. After years of talk, he would be the president to make it happen, as John F. Kennedy put a man on the moon and Franklin D. Roosevelt built the atom bomb.

What infuriates the President's political allies in Congress was the absence of any consultation during the long evolution of the Rockefeller plan, despite its glaring departures from the President's perceived economic and political ideology.

In the House Republican cloakroom last week, one conservative Republican tongue-lashed a member of the party's leadership for not having informed the House Republican Conference about EIA. But the leaders themselves knew nothing of the plan until the President announced it in California Sept. 22.

Apart from all else that besets the new-born EIA, this failure to consult Congress — not in keeping with Ford's usual political tact — is another heavy load on its back.

Key Republican members of House energy subcommittees directly involved, Reps. Clarence J. Brown of Ohio and Louis Frey of Florida, had no inkling of EIA until the President's California speech.

The phalanx of administration advisers who have fought major parts of the plan during its birth pangs include Frank Zarb of the Federal Energy Administration and Robert C. Seamans of the Energy Research and Development Administration. It is, therefore, a miracle that word of the fierce bureaucratic infighting never seeped through to Congress.

Rockefeller, not the President, is beneficiary of laudatory stories in liberal newspapers claiming his victory sets him apart from all previous vice presidents as a man of power. But even this dubious political gain may in the end do both Ford and the vice president more harm than good.

Fighting for a second spot on the 1976 Ford ticket, Rockefeller has given Republican conservatives he has been wooing a sharp weapon: a new agency conceived in typically grandiose dimensions by the former governor of New York whose off-budget spending and big government of the past now have gone awry.

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"Memo to employees of the Executive Branch — all 2,815,670 of them!"

### Higher education in N.J. suffers

Once again I have decided to write in concern of higher education in the state of New Jersey. The college students of this state are faced with going back to sub-standard educational facilities in the spring semester with the threat of a tuition increase with cutback of monies released to colleges and on a more students to less instructors ratio.

Governor one-term Byrne (a hope) has proven that his regime is just as corrupt as past government in New Jersey. It is a sin when a state that is second in per capita income out of 50 states ends up being 48th in the quality of higher education offered to its students. Other states such as California can offer free higher education, why not New Jersey?

It seems that Chancellor of Higher Education Duncan, an appointee of the John F. Kennedy government, has done nothing to up the quality of education in our state yet he collects a handsome salary for nothing. It's funny that his position was created just for him, which exemplifies the bureaucracy of this state. If you have ever tried to get through the red tape involved to find out anything happening in New Jersey government, you'll soon discover New Jersey employs many incompetent people in high salary positions.

Once again, the public has been bilked by believing that lottery and sales tax monies are being used for higher education when, in fact, these monies have never been touched by any of our state's educational institutions. How much money is being pocketed by our corrupt politicians that should be serving the interests of this state?

It is imperative that all the high-paying, do-nothing political favor jobs be investigated and phased out as soon as possible so that there will be no need for a state income tax, or a boost in the sales tax to supposedly go

for higher education and other public services desperately needed by the people of New Jersey. It is time to clean out the corruption and graft that has become an everyday occurrence in the bureaucratic jungle in Trenton, before New Jersey sinks lower in its public services instead of robbing the public blind as is now happening.

Wake up New Jersey before we're swallowed in red bureaucratic tape and lost beyond repair.

DENNIS B. CARNEY,  
Franklin

### ERA opposed by Right to Life unit

At a recent meeting of the Plainfield Right to Life Organization, a resolution was passed to oppose the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) which will be on the November 4 ballot.

ERA is pro-abortion.

According to Charles Rice, professor of law at Notre Dame, "a logical, legal argument can and should be made that the passage of ERA would serve to validate the Supreme Court's pro-abortion decision and invalidate any remaining authority that any state now has left to prohibit abortions."

Clarence Mannon, a former dean of the Notre Dame Law School, says "with ERA in the Constitution, state anti-abortion laws, since they are obviously designed on the basis of sex, would be a violation of ERA. Also if ERA is passed, we could no longer protect the unborn child (as we can now) by congressional legislature to remove abortion cases from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court."

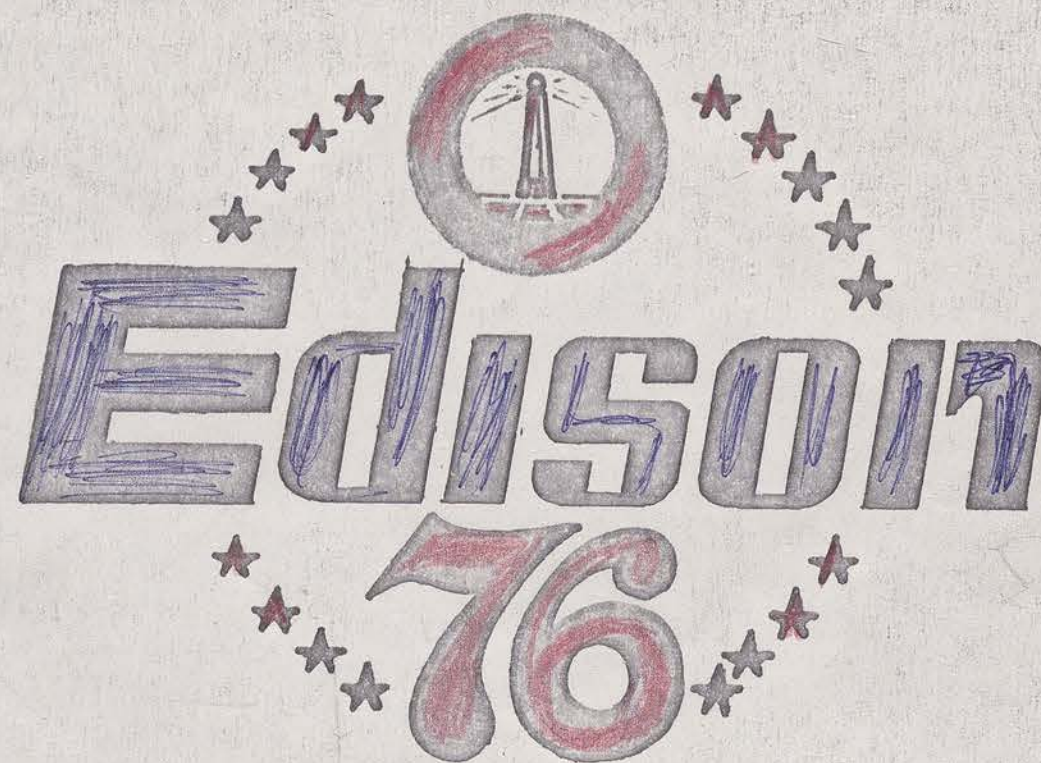
On Nov. 22, 1973, feticide (abortion) was legalized. Since, hundreds of thousands of unborn babies have been killed. The Supreme Court made a catastrophic error. We must correct this error — start, by defeating ERA.

CATHERINE DENK,  
Woodbridge



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## Paraders to mark bicentennial

The Edison Bicentennial Parade will kick off October 5 at 1:15 p.m. with the line of march along Amboy avenue from King Georges road to Jackson avenue, it was announced by Andrew G. Lipnick, parade chairman.

Applications are still being accepted at the Edison recreation department, 2965 Woodbridge avenue, for any high school or professional bands, floats, twirlers, drill teams, costume marchers, marching units, organization and non-organization floats,

novelties, etc.

Parade marshals will be dressed in colonial costumes.

Early entries received to date are:

Marching Units- Cub Pack #101, H.K. & Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Co., St. Matthew's Church, St. Matthew's School, Piscataway High School, Edison Police Wives Organization, U.S. Marine Corp. League, Edison Elks B.P.O.E., Edison Girl Scout Troop, B'nai B'rith Women

Ramot Chapter, Clark Fire Department, Edison Volunteer Fire Co. #1, Middlesex County Police Academy, League of Women Voters, R.O.T.C. St. Pius X High School.

Color Guard- U.S. Marine Corp., American Legion, Father & Son Post #435.

Drill Teams- St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Marionettes, American Legion Clara Barton Post #324.

Antique Cars- Al Melega, Edison, Paul Dean, New

Brunswick, Raymond McDonell, Edison, John Black, Woodbridge, Joseph Shirley, Edison, Anthony Melody, Rahway.

Miscellaneous- Clara Barton First Aid Squad, Country Promenade Square Dancers.

Bands- J.P. Stevens High School, St. Peter's High School of New Brunswick, Edison High School, Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, Young Colonials Fife & Drum Corp of Old Bridge.

Twirlers- Spotswood

Sparklers, Iselinette Baton & Drum Corp., The Laurenettes of Iselin, St. Pius X High School of Piscataway.

Junior Twirling Teams- Piscataway Sequinettes, Honey's Honey Bees, Colonia, Silver Starlights.

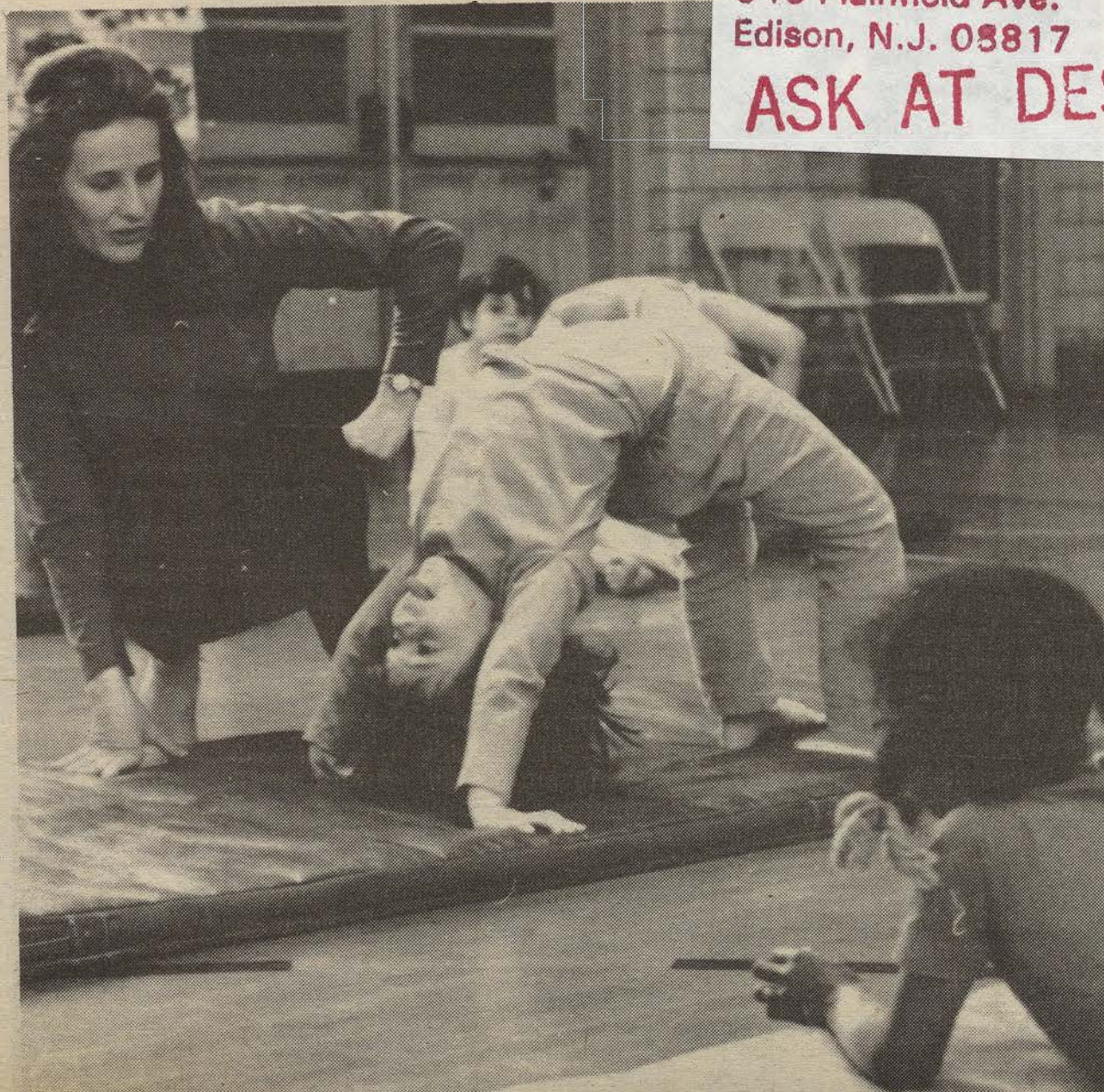
Floats- Edison Association Delaware-Raritan Council, Edison Teachers Association, Clara Barton Women's Club, Edison Township, South End Democratic Club, Hi-Woods

Civic Association, Edison Senior Citizens, Menlo Park Merchants Association, Ukranian Club of Carteret, Edison Model Airplane Club, Edison Moose Lodge, Stelton Neighbor Girl Scouts, United States Academy, St. Matthew's School, United Democrats of Edison, Cub Park #25, Gino's Inc., Bo's Den, American Legion Post #3117, Edison Knights of Columbus, International House of Pancakes, St. Matthew's PTA, VFW Post #10122, Scotch Plains.



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# Fall fitness programs start



**TRICKY** --Jennifer Logie of Lafayette School, Highland Park, demonstrates a back bend while classmates look on. The instructor assures her that the tongue is not necessary for the perfection of the trick and may well end up being bitten. The Highland Park Recreation Commission's fall fitness programs begin September 29.

The Highland Park Recreation Commission's fall physical fitness program will begin the week of September 29 with classes in slimnastics, tot tumbling and rhythmic, tumbling, and acrobatics.

Tumbling and rhythmic classes will be held for kindergartners on Tuesday mornings from 10:35 to 11:20 a.m. and on Thursdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Three and four year olds will meet Wednesdays from 10:35 to 11:20 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:10 to 1:55 p.m. Classes meet in the Reformed Church on South Second avenue.

First grade tumbling for boys and girls will meet Mondays at Lafayette School from 3:50-4:35 p.m. and on Tuesdays at Hamilton School from 3:50-4:35 p.m.

Acrobatics for second through fifth grade girls will meet for one hour in the school gym immediately

tumbling classes an opportunity to continue their interests. The class is open to boys and girls who are in the second through fifth grades.

Women's slimnastics classes will meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.; and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. A nursery will be available for the morning classes at a cost of \$6 for the 12 weeks. Evening classes will meet in the Lafayette School Gym on South Second avenue and day classes will meet in the Reformed Church on South Second avenue.

Children's classes run for 18 weeks for \$18 and adult classes run for 12 weeks for \$12, payable by check drawn to the Highland Park Recreation Commission and sent to Mrs. Paul Evans, (who instructs the classes) 138 North Sixth avenue, Highland Park, 08904. Participants should include