

State Approves School Building Program

The way is clear for Franklin Township to vote on a \$698,000 school building bond issue.

The State Division of Local Government has given its approval, the last step required before a referendum can be conducted, the State Department of

Education having put its okay on the program previously.

Though the Board of Education had not yet heard officially yesterday that the school building venture had been cleared completely, The News learned that the Division of Local Government passed it last Friday, only

a few hours after local school board members made formal application for the referendum in Trenton.

Soon after this hearing was concluded, division director George C. Skillman called his group into session for final action. Formal approval papers

were ordered prepared and sent to the Franklin board.

The public is scheduled to vote on the bond issue on March 1. This will be the third school referendum for Franklin within a year. Two, each calling for construction of a junior high school, were defeated in 1955.

Should the referendum be approved, Franklin may be the first school district in the nation to construct Structo Corporation pre-engineered school buildings. Two elementary school buildings are scheduled to be ready for occupancy by next October, providing the bond issue is approved.

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4 Youngsters Die in Flames While Mother Is at Work



ONLY THIS SHELL OF A HOUSE remains after fire which caused the death of four children. (News Photo)

A funeral was held yesterday for four children who were buried to death Friday morning when a fire started by an oil stove ravaged a two-story frame house on Easton Avenue and Leupp's Lane. The mother, Mrs. Minnie Mack, was at work when disaster struck.

Building Inspector Joseph Maher told The News yesterday that to his knowledge no occupancy permit had been granted to the owners of the house, Herman, William and Vincent Calvo. The prosecutor's office is investigating the fire.

Leaps from Building
Eleanore Ward, 13-year old daughter of Mrs. Mack, was the only child to escape from the burning house. In her nightgown and barefooted, she jumped from an upstairs window to seek help. She was seen by Mrs. Pauline Ciolek and her sister Mrs. Mary Bandusky, both of Funderne, who took her to St. Peter's General Hospital in New Brunswick. Eleanore's hair was scorched from the flames and hospital authorities said she was suffering from "terrific shock."

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Arcuri and Leroy Smith who live opposite the Mack home heard the

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**In the
Mail**

The School Election
Editor, The News:

In the Feb. 2nd issue of The Franklin News you have a letter from Harold B. Golden, chairman of the Lay Advisory Planning Committee in which he states that he received a letter of resignation from Dr. Lyle Magnann and that he has, "been informed that two other candidates for the Board of Education, Joseph Takacs and Mrs. Frank Vomacka, are also resigning from the Lay Advisory Committee."

At the candidates meeting held in the Middlebush School on Feb. 1 all the candidates stated, in reply to a question from me, that they are "free agents and not subject to dictation from any person or group." The three candidates backed by The Franklin Township League for Better Schools have resigned simultaneously and the announcement is

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MONTHLY REPORT ISSUED FOR E. M. RESCUE SQUAD

Capt. Thomas Hule of the East Millstone Rescue Squad reported this week that during January his organization answered 12 calls, 11 of them for transportation, traveled 221 miles and logged 51 man hours of duty.

10 PAGES TODAY
This issue contains 10 pages, including Pages 2A and 2B.

PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT ON HOUSING AUTHORITY

A public hearing on an ordinance to create a Housing Authority will take place tonight before the Township Committee at 8 p.m. in Township Hall.

According to provisions of the ordinance, a six member board would be set up, one member to be appointed by the State, one to come from the Township Committee, and four Franklin residents.

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5,736 Eligible To Vote Tuesday In School Election

Anticipating a referendum for school construction next month, Franklin's voters will go to the polls Tuesday for the annual Board of Education election to select three members for 3-year terms and determine the fate of five proposals for expenditures.

There are 5,736 registered voters in the Township, an increase of 570 over last year.

Voting machines will be used in a school election for the first time. Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the following places: District 1, Phillips School; District 2, 2nd District Firehouse; District 3, East Millstone Firehouse; District 4, Hamilton School; District 5, Community Firehouse; District 6, Kingston School; District 7, Pine Grove Manor School; District 8, Middlebush School.

7 Candidates

Seven candidates, including two women, seek seats on the board. One of them, Mrs. William G. Pattison, is an incumbent, now completing the unexpired term of Mrs. James J. Slade. The other woman is Mrs. Frank Vomacka, who resigned from the school board's Lay Advisory Committee last week.

Two other candidates who re-

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Mother and 2 Children Die When Car Skids on Icy Road

The wife and children of Stephen Benke of 84 Hawthorne Drive, who were killed in an automobile accident during Saturday's freezing rain, were buried yesterday morning in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick. The victims were Mrs. Ruth Stenger Benke, 34; Margaret, 9, and Stephen Jr., 7.

Mr. Benke, the only survivor of the small family, was not on the festive trip which started as a pleasure drive to visit relatives in Three Bridges. The accident happened at 12:15 noon on Route 202 in Readington Township, Hunterdon County. According to witnesses, the Benke car tried to pass several other vehicles, skidded across the icy highway, went up an embankment and struck a utility pole.

The two children were thrown out of the car by the impact, and

Margaret died immediately of a fractured skull. Mrs. Benke and her son were rushed to Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, where the mother was dead on arrival from brain injuries and a compound fracture.

The boy, who received concussions, fractured ribs, a punctured lung and broken right thigh bones, succumbed at 8:15 p.m.

Funeral services were held in Gowen Funeral Home and Magway Reformed Church, New Brunswick. The Rev. Andrew Kosa officiated.

The three deaths brought the County weekend toll to five. Mrs. Margaret Farley of Flagtown, whose car skidded on ice in Hillsborough Saturday evening, and Ralph Soerl, 65, of 28 Franklin Street, Somerville, struck by a car while crossing the street Friday night, were the other victims.

Bakelite Gives Hospital \$60,000

Bakelite Company of Bound Brook has subscribed \$60,000 to the Joint Hospital Fund in New Brunswick, it was announced today, for the expansion of modernization of Middlesex General Hospital and St. Peter's General Hospital.

The plant, a division of Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation, is located where several hospital service areas overlap and the \$60,000 pledge was based on the number of admissions to New Brunswick hospitals of the company's employees and their families.

With \$1,489,168 in subscriptions to date reported at an opening meeting of the Joint Hospital Building Fund special gifts committee Monday night, the \$60,000 given by Bakelite brings the total to \$1,529,168, which is well over the half-way mark in the \$3,000,000 campaign.

Three memorial gifts totaling \$24,000 to the fund also were announced today by Mayor Chester W. Paulus of New Brunswick, chairman of the fund's memorial subscription committee.

Mr. & Mrs. George W. Albro of Highland Park have chosen a private room with bath on the third floor of the new wing of St. Peter's General Hospital to be marked as their gift to the community through a subscription of \$5,400.

The solarium and playroom in the new children's department of Middlesex General Hospital will be marked as the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Earle E. Dickson of Hillcrest as the result of a \$12,000 subscription.

Arthur E. Harrington and George J. Deizer Jr. have subscribed \$6,800 to establish a unit in each hospital in the name of Quackenboss Funeral Home. The secretary's office on the ground floor of St. Peter's and the information center in the administration department in Middlesex will bear the plaques marking the units.

In thanking the donors, Mayor Paulus pointed out that "These gifts illustrate the fact that its

in our new hospital construction need not be dedicated to the memory of a loved one who is gone, but may very suitably be used to express the donor's concern for the health and well-being of the community where he has prospered and found friends. Our hospitals are the very heart of our community and the establishment of such a unit which serves all our fellow citizens twenty-four hours a day can well be one of the most satisfying acts of a lifetime."

HELMSTETTERS CELEBRATE THEIR 25th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Helmstetter of DeMott Road celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday at a party given by their nine children in Hamilton Inn. The Helmstetters have lived here eight years.

COUNTY'S YOUNG DEMOCRAT INSTALL 1956 OFFICERS

Somerset County Young Democrats installed Richard Norris, Somerville attorney, as president recently, and made Mrs. Barbara Esser of Franklin Township vice-president.

Miss Grace Gurlik of Rocky Hill was chosen secretary and Miss Alda D'Adamo of North Plainfield was named treasurer. Steven P. Zardus of Somerville is publicity director.

The club will meet Tuesday in Somerville Inn.

SEWING MEETING FEB. 17 FOR LADIES AID SOCIETY

An evening sewing meeting will be sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of the Middlebush Reformed Church in the home of Mrs. C. B. Slichter on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

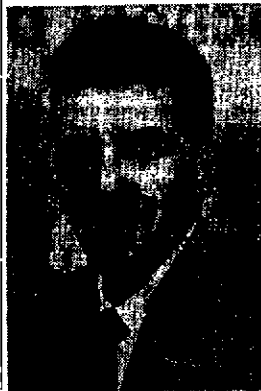
PHILATELIC SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

New officers of the 1956 Franklin Society are Frank Amoroson, president; Frank Boder, vice-president; Ann T. Sierotowicz, secretary, and George Chato, treasurer.

RARITAN VALLEY SKIERS ACCEPTING MEMBERS

The Raritan Valley Ski Club has announced that it still is accepting new members, whether they are experienced or not. The club meets each Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Metuchen YMCA.

GILES GETS PROMOTION AT BAKELITE COMPANY



David Giles

New assistant foreman in the vinyl and polyethylene fabrication department of Bakelite Company in Bound Brook is David Giles, above, of William Street, East Millstone. He formerly was laboratory assistant in the quality control division.

BAPTISMS CONDUCTED IN FRANKLIN CHURCHES

The infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Larsen, Canal Road, was baptized Deborah Lynne on Sunday by the Rev. Merle W. Hoogheem, pastor of the Griggstown Reformed Church.

The Rev. Vernon Dethmers of the Middlebush Reformed Church baptized Walter Scott, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Chisner of Van Dorn Avenue, at the Sunday morning service.

The infant children of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Whitman of Hawthorne Avenue, Wayne Kenneth and Deborah Dorothea, were baptized by the Rev. Vernon Dethmers Sunday morning.

SOMERSET 4-H CLUB AGENT ELECTED STATE CLUB HEAD

Harold N. Repair, Somerset County 4-H Club agent, was elected president of the New Jersey Club Agents Association during Farmers' Week in Trenton recently. He succeeds Peter F. Martens Jr.

Mary Jane Ellis, associate club agent in Somerset County, was chosen vice-president, succeeding Mr. Repair in that post.

-Births-

In Princeton Hospital
Jan. 6 — A son, to Mr. & Mrs. John Edwards, Laurel Road, Kingston.

CONSISTORY OFFICERS NAMED IN GRIGGSTOWN

Officers of the Griggstown Reformed Church have been announced by the consistory as follows: president, the Rev. Merle W. Hoogheem; clerk, Jens Arnesen; treasurer, Mrs. James C. Crawford; assistant treasurer, Herbert Hoepfner; elder primarius, Melville Smith; elder secundus, Raymond Peters.

Church committees for this year are: worship and music, Melville Smith, chairman, Jens Arnesen, Arthur Stoot; finance, Raymond Peters, chairman; Kenneth Hoagland, Herbert Hoepfner; building, Arthur Caroli, chairman; Garrie B. Stryker, Raymond Peters; maintenance, Herbert Hoepfner, chairman, Ar-

thur Stoot, Paul Kliber; religious education, Raymond Hoagland, chairman, and Carroll Smith.

With the PTAs

The birthday anniversary of the National PTA was celebrated at yesterday's meeting in East Millstone School at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Rita Smith, program chairman introduced Jack N. Rieur, an exchange teacher in Kingston schools, who spent last year in England. He showed colored slides and told of his teaching experiences overseas. Cake and coffee was sold, the money going to the National PTA organization.

The Hamilton School PTA is expecting to have all its past presidents at the Founder's Day meeting on Tuesday at 8:30 in the school. Mrs. G. L. Cuddy of Prospect Street is program chairman.

A card party is scheduled for Feb. 24 in the school. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Angelo Endrizzi and Mrs. Anthony Casale.

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KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN
Last night the Neighborhood Bible Study met in the home of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Perrine. The Rev. Henry W. Heaps directed the study group.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the assembly room of the church. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Harold Davenport. She and her husband are missionaries on furlough from Iraq. Mrs. Davenport will tell the society of her experiences overseas.

Tomorrow afternoon the communicants class, youngsters preparing to affiliate with the church, will meet in the assembly room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Youth Choir will meet tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church.

The annual banquet of Mrs. Conover's Sunday School Class will be held in the assembly room Saturday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Herbert Hinkel is chairman of

dinner; Mrs. Harold Koonas and Mrs. Carlton Rose are in charge of decorations.

KINGSTON METHODIST

The Rev. Leon Zinkler's sermon on Sunday will be "Witnessing for Christ." This will be a special covenant service which will initiate a church attendance movement.

Mid-week Lenten services will be held beginning Feb. 15.

The Official Board of the Kingston and Hopewell Methodist churches has voted unanimously to set aside this Lenten season for a church loyalty crusade. The theme will be "The Answer is God." Sunday, the Sunday preceding the crusade, a special service will be held for lay visitors. During the weeks of the crusade the pastor's topic will be "Great Truths of Our Faith."

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

The Holy Name Society will receive corporate Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Plans for a St. Patrick's Day dance will be discussed at a meeting in the

church hall Monday at 8 p.m.

The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a Valentine dance Saturday in the church hall from 8 to 12 p.m.

SIX MILE RUN REFORMED

Sunday School teachers will meet at 8 tonight in the chapel to discuss plans for Lent.

A special meeting of the Consistory will be held in the chapel tomorrow at 8 p.m.

A Congregational Covered Dish Supper will be held in the chapel at 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be reports from church organizations and a film. The Consistory is sponsoring the dinner.

The Christian Endeavor Society will meet in the chapel Sunday at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be N. J. Rieur, teacher in the Kingston School who taught in England last year. Mr. Rieur will give an illustrated talk, "Let's Visit England."

The first in a series of communicants' classes for young people will be held in the chapel at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

At the last meeting of the Couples Club the following officers were elected: presidents, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Lancaster; secretaries, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Confort; treasurers, Mr. & Mrs. James Dunn.

GRIGGSTOWN REFORMED

The film "Martin Luther" will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. in the church hall.

A series of Wednesday night worship services will begin Feb. 15 and will continue every week throughout the Lenten season.

The Women's Missionary Society met last week in the home of Mrs. Richard Knudsen at 2 p.m. Mrs. Raymond A. Hoagland led the worship service.

The daughter of Mrs. Stanley Larsen, Deborah Lynn, was baptized Sunday by the Rev. Hoogheem.

ST. JOSEPH'S

The infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Helmstetter, Gates Road, Middlebush was baptized Sunday, by the Rev. John P. Adamowski. The child's name is Dennis Albert.

Sunday Masses are now being celebrated at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will be held weekly after the 9:30 Mass except the first Sunday of each month.

MIDDLEBUSH REFORMED

Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. will see the beginning of a mid-week Lenten series, "The Church's Educational Mission."

The consistory met in the home of Dr. Eugene Howe, Elizabeth Avenue, Monday, at 8 p.m.

Holy Communion will be administered Sunday.

ROCKY RUN REFORMED

While the Rev. Gordon Curtis is away this Sunday, Glen Hine of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary will preach.

The consistory will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the parsonage.

A church membership meeting will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the parsonage.

EAST MILLSTONE METHODIST

Bishop Frederick B. Newell and District Superintendent Roland L. Luerich have announced the

Strictly Fresh

CONTRARY to what the horsey set says, a bookie is a man who runs a bookshop. New York City police recently raided a haunt of bookworms and turned up a thriving rag-betting service.

Laundry owner in Tallahassee, Fla., was visited by a thief t'other night. All the change he took was one of clothing.

Peeking through the window can be fun except when it's the little window in the envelope



from some store's billing department.

Thought for February: If all the comic valentines ever printed were spread out around the South Pole, it would be a very good idea.

Frankster in Los Angeles is moving to another city. He's not appreciated. Poured bubble bath in a city fountain. Resultant cloud of froth caused no comment. Looked just like smog.

appointment of the Rev. John Bowering as pastor of the East Millstone Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Upsala College and a student at Drew Theological Seminary. His father, the Rev. William G. Bowering, is pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church of Perth Amboy.

The Rev. Wilbur A. Thomas, previous pastor, has been appointed to the Hampton-Norton-Glen Gardner Charge. Rev. Thomas is concluding his studies for his M.A. degree at the Drew Graduate School of Theological Studies.

Four new members were received recently, Donald Kupper, Janet Kupper, Roger Wilkins, and Ronald Wilkins.

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1 BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

Somerset Grange No. 7 will have an "Everybody's Birthday Party" next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Franklin Park Firehouse.

LEAGUE MEETS TONIGHT

The Women's League of the East Millstone Reformed Church will meet tonight in the home of Mrs. E. O. Jones at 8 p.m.

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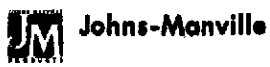
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Flood Control—Without Delay

However slow at times may be the due processes of government, there are signs that progress is being made to provide flood control measures for this section of the Raritan Valley. Few more important problems confront our area.

Last week the Board of Freeholders was advised that a preliminary survey made by Army engineers indicates that the key to flood control hereabouts may be found in the North Branch of the Raritan and in Green Brook. On first survey, the Army men determined that snagging, dredging, and probably changing the

course of the stream, in these two sections might prevent more floods like those which caused such great damage last year.

Whether the answer be as the first survey indicates, or if it is determined that dams, basins or reservoirs are required to halt the rampaging river, it is necessary that the Corps of Engineers pursue its study with dispatch to provide a remedy. To be certain that the Corps doesn't lag instead of snag, or hedge instead of dredge, our representatives in Congress should keep a cautious eye and an accurate stop watch on proceedings.

Our Volunteer Firemen

Three costly fires within a week, one of which took the lives of four children in Franklin Township, point up once more the significant roles played in our communities by local firemen.

Volunteers all, the Vamps are dedicated to a public service without which no municipality could exist for long unless it could afford to pay for professional fire-fighting crews and the expenses which go with constructing and maintaining buildings for these organizations.

Like the legendary postman, neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor hour of day keeps these men from their duties. Whether they have at their command the latest type equipment or obsolete pumps, they roll when the alarm sounds. However serious may be the damages at fire scenes, it must be remembered that losses would be greater if there were no trained volunteer firemen in our midst. And, of course, without fire companies, it is doubtful there would be fire insurance available except at fees outside the reach of most people.

The highest compliment that can be paid these volunteers in public service is reflected in the fact that they are taken for

granted in every community.

But while we take the Vamps for granted, we must be careful not to overlook them and the responsibilities they carry so well. While most communities are seriously and properly concerned with the needs for more schools, it should not be forgotten that the growth of an area also demands more and better fire-fighting apparatus, a continuing pool of trained, disciplined firemen, and strict fire prevention ordinances.

JERSEY GIANT

Middlebush, in Somerset County, was birthplace of "the world's tallest man".

Not only was he seven feet nine inches tall and a star of Barnum's circus, but he had a strange first name—Bath. Colonel Ruth Goshen. He died in 1880 and thousands came to see his burial place, largest grave ever dug in New Jersey, according to John T. Cunningham's "This is New Jersey."

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, foremost of the living explorers, was first to fly over both the North and South Poles.

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Communism

By Dr. Alexander S. Balyuky
Rutgers Specialist in Russian Affairs and Economics

From 1946 to the middle of 1955 the United States has had a virtual monopoly of foreign aid as an instrument for winning friends and making allies. That policy must have had some success because the Soviet Union is now deeply committed to the same policy.

As a matter of fact, recent Soviet success in offering economic aid to nations in the Near and Far East has alarmed many American officials. Several have voiced the fear that our program of economic and technical assistance is losing a degree of its effectiveness because the Soviet Union has stolen our thunder.

Were that the case, then one of two propositions might follow: (1) that we should give up our program of economic aid and find a new instrument for making and keeping allies, or (2) that we should find some means of placing pressure upon "neutrals" to refuse Soviet assistance and accept ours instead.

A Third Angle

But nowhere, to my knowledge, has there been an examination of a third possibility. What would happen if the United States were to encourage the Soviet Union to expand further its foreign aid program? What would happen if we were to say to the Soviet leaders, "We urge you to help us ease the poverty and the misery in the repressed areas of the world. Join us as a partner in helping other, less fortunate nations help themselves."

This would be a true test of the sincerity with which the Soviets are handing out economic aid in the Near and Far East.

Realistically, the results would be greatly to our advantage. There is little question that the United States is in a much better position, economically, to render economic aid to less fortunate nations than is the Soviet Union. The Soviet leaders can give economic aid only at the expense of slowing up their own industrialization and further denying their people long promised consumer goods.

Where Will They Get It?

Actually, the Soviets would prefer not to give any significant amount of economic aid. They simply cannot afford it; they could use a little economic aid themselves. They have only selected this instrument as a means of combating our efforts in the Near and Far East.

Were we to encourage the Soviet Union into giving this aid in greater volume, it would be exceedingly embarrassing to them. They would be forced into either breaking promises or breaking the backs of their own people trying to live up to them.

In all of this, we and the Arian people would be the victors. It is most probable, however, that the Soviet leaders would quietly abandon their program of economic aid, leaving us where we were six months ago—one jump ahead of the Soviet Union.

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Good Counsel



Of Books, Plays & Sundry Things...

What Do We Want of Movies?

In commenting upon the fact that the motion picture "The Man With the Golden Arm" was a much watered down version of the book, a New York reviewer made a significant remark. He said this almost had to be so, in view of the nature of the motion picture as an artistic medium, even if one forgets about the commercial aspects of the problem.

Reading a novel is an entirely different kind of experience than watching a movie. It is personal, intimate. You share your reactions with no one. Watching a movie is a public affair. Reactions to the picture are in common to some degree. You do not really wish to experience the most profound emotions in public—even in the dark. It's too much like those nightmares in which you find that you've left your trousers at home. Thus it is difficult for a movie to be as brutal, as raw, as frank as a novel.

The Mighty Lense

The legitimate stage is as public as the movie, and plays presented on it do not hesitate to deal with the real stuff of life. However, there is another factor which enters here, and which often is forgotten: the searching honesty of the camera. It hides nothing. Not only that, it also magnifies everything (in Cinemascope and Vista-Vison) until the viewer is catapulted, willy-nilly, into the action. There are certain things which, if shown on the stage, the eye can choose not to see. The motion picture camera leaves the viewer no such option. It forces upon him with tremendous intensity whatever comes within its range. For this reason, among other, the welders of the cameras are more than a little cautious about what they bring within its lens. They know that there are some things which people can stand on the stage and in novels which could not be borne when seen on a screen.

This Box Office

I have mentioned two of the reasons why the motion picture as a medium is perhaps not suited to the same kind of stark realism or emotional intensity produced by a novel or a play. Of course these are not the chief

reasons why movies often seem to skirt around real issues. The producer's concern with box office lies at the root of the matter. That he may have some responsibility to educate his audience or that he may actually be underestimating his audience are two ideas which may rarely occur to him.

But even when they do, he still may feel obliged to tack the traditional happy ending on his story for the two reasons mentioned earlier. Some critics found the ending of "On the Waterfront" untidily heroic, but no one could really doubt the honesty of the intention behind that film. In the novel "Trial" justice does not triumph and the Mexican boy accused of the murder of a Yankee girl is the victim of race prejudice and communist treachery, but in the movie he is granted a last minute reprieve. No one would have made this picture in the first place unless his intent was serious, and yet the softened ending was added.

In looking at films like these one is forced to admit that perhaps there is something more than mere commercialism behind the Hollywood happy ending. Perhaps we, the audience, will have to approach films more objectively, or more courageously, before they can give to us the picture of life we often seem to be expecting of them.

—Burb

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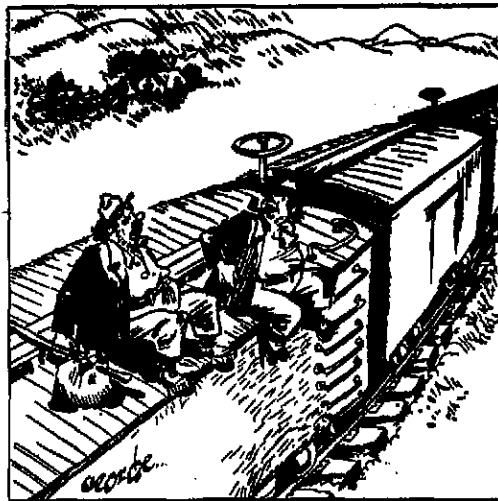
We have long ago passed the time when a man's principal worry was where his next meal was coming from; he is now more likely to be concerned about his next television set or station wagon. . . . Expenditures for this sort of thing are defensible. . . . This simply means that collective confidence is the principal criterion affecting the state of business at any particular time.

—Crawford H. Greenewalt, President, E. I. du Pont

A national speed paving record was set with the laying of 398 feet of a 24-foot pavement in 24 minutes, 36 seconds. The paving material used was asphalt, an oil product.

TICKLERS

By George



"Sure, I got tired of bumming around . . . but a man can't stop just because he gets tired."



the somerset SCENE

While Freeholder C. L. Van Cleef tours the County gathering votes and promises these wintry days, a trio of Somerset mayors has been coyly checking the possibilities of opposing him in the Spring Primary.

Assuming that none of the three has dropped out of the race before dropping in, and before this yarn gets into black and white, here's the picture:

Dan Conroy, popular mayor of Bound Brook, seems serious about attempting to break C. L.'s 18-year grip on the Freeholder seat. Up in the hills, Peapack-Gladstone Chief Executive Dr. Howard W. Pierson is being urged by a few, some of them top Democrats. And, down the highway in Green Brook, Mayor William Vissers has been mentioned seriously at several recent clambakes.

All three have one thing in common: They don't like the County GOP organization or its leaders, namely State Senator Malcolm S. Forbes, County Chairman Luke Gray, et al. Thus they'll all have to appeal to the same voter segment for support. The up-and-coming "independent voter" has little significance in a Primary election, so it'll be the dissident Republicans the mayors must look to for support. Sizeable blocs of these creatures were found last November in the ranks of Republicans for Engelhard and in the hordes who voted against the Chimney Rock Reservoir to a tune of 4-to-1.

C. L., who is as well known for his political acuity as he is for

his kind old face, would like nothing better than a race against all three. A vote for one would amount to a vote against any others, and C. L. wouldn't have to leave his cow barn from now until April when he goes to the polls to cast his own vote.

Of the trio, Conroy is given the best chance to turn the trick against C. L.—if he faces him alone.

Dan is well known in Somerset Republican circles. He's faced more than one test at the polls successfully, and he was the only Somerset governing official who voiced opposition to Chimney Rock when hearings were held last Summer in Trenton.

But—there are some amateur politicians who look to Mayor Pierson as the best choice. He locked his waiting room door one day about two years ago to enter politics because he didn't like the way Peapack-Gladstone fathers were approaching the municipal water problem. Not only did he get himself elected mayor, but he hauled in two Council running mates to spill an administration which had been unbeatable in years past.

Last year, Pierson's enemies didn't bother to put up opposition to his candidates. And now it looks as if the town's water problem is going to be solved without too much bitterness after a seven-year political hassle.

As mayor, Pierson has proved himself alert, astute, and receptive to most of the wishes of his public. He made the news last year and upset some of his followers by becoming a Republican for Engelhard.

Vissers, who was also a member of Republicans for Engelhard, has little more than that to establish himself as a bright light on a County level. It is felt he will drop out of the race before he enters.

Meanwhile, Somerset's Democrats are anxiously anticipating word from the party commissars on who will be their Freeholder candidate.

Politano, who has exhibited his ability as a tireless vote-getter, is also a two-thirds loser. Despite this disadvantage, he is credited with doing more to improve Somerset's county government in his two unsuccessful campaigns than any incumbent. They argue well when they say he's still the best man to beat C. L. However, when we questioned Politano recently about his potential candidacy, he merely shrugged his shoulders—which could mean most anything. Shay, who came mighty close

to becoming mayor of North Plainfield last November, seems as the next best choice at this point. A pollie victim, he campaigns in a wheel chair.

Soon after the last General Election, we advised that Democratic veterans George Sopko of Manville and Angie Soriano of Raritan faced a party purge because they had not brought out a sufficient vote for Engelhard.

A critical friend still insists we were wrong, that no purge was planned, and that Engelhard assured Sopko and Soriano of same. This, then, is another view of the subject.

TRAFFIC COORDINATORS TO STUDY NEW PROGRAM

An intensive training course to prepare traffic safety coordinators in each county for administrative duties in connection with a new statewide traffic improvement program will be held in Rutgers University Feb. 27 through March 3.

Attorney-General Grover C. Richman Jr., who announced the training program, said it is part of his plan to help solve the accident problem by having a trained aide on the staffs of each of the 21 county prosecutors. A new speed zoning program for the State will be emphasized in the course, he said. Traffic engineering and public education also will be considered.

Detective Capt. Paul Bellocchio is Somerset County traffic coordinator.

POWELL, BARITONE, TO SING AT COMMUNITY CONCERT

John Powell, baritone, will appear as guest soloist at Bound Brook Community Chorus' annual Winter concert Saturday and Sunday in Bound Brook High School.

Powell is soloist at the First Presbyterian Church. He formerly spent two seasons with the New York Oratorio Society, and recently was named assistant professor of music at Douglass College.

SS Tax Also Due For Baby Sitters

If you have a maid, laundress, cook, cleaning woman, or baby sitter, you may be overlooking the necessity of paying social security taxes on your employees, Joseph F. J. Mayer, Newark District Director of the Internal Revenue Service has announced.

The 1954 amendments to the Social Security law provided social security coverage for all domestic workers who are paid as much as \$50 or more cash in a calendar quarter. This applies to the full-time maid, the butler and the chauffeur, as well as to the once-a-week cleaning woman, the baby sitter, or the man who takes care of the furnace or does other chores.

Many householders who never thought of themselves as employers will find they must file a report and pay social security taxes for the help they have in their homes. This quarterly report, a simple envelope form known as Form 942, can be completed in a matter of minutes, and should be filed before the close of the month following the quarter.

Each employer is required by law to furnish to employees a written statement of wages and social security taxes for each calendar year on or before Jan. 31 of the next year.

All forms which must be filed may be mailed to the office of the District Director of Internal Revenue or delivered personally.

FIRST GREAT-GRANDCHILD FOR COUNTY FREEHOLDER

Somerset County Freeholder & Mrs. C. I. Van Cleef of Belle Mead have their first great-grandchild.

The baby, a girl, was born to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Snyder of River Road, Belle Mead, Jan. 30 in Middlesex General Hospital, New Brunswick. She has been named Suzanne.

Mrs. Snyder is the daughter of County Road Supervisor & Mrs. C. Irving Van Cleef of Belle Mead. The infant's father is a student at Glasboro State Teachers College.

Freeholder & Mrs. Van Cleef celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 17. They also have 14 grandchildren, four sons and a daughter.

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Following are brief biographies of all slates of candidates in Tuesday's school board election:

Mrs. Frank Vomacka, Laurel Avenue, Kingston, has lived in the Township 18 years. Mother of four children, she graduated from Cathedral High School and attended Columbia University School of Finance and Accounting. She was employed as an accountant for 10 years. Mrs. Vomacka, a member of the Kingston PTA, is active in the Girl and Boy Scouts. She has served as chairman of the Educational section of the Lay Advisory Committee.

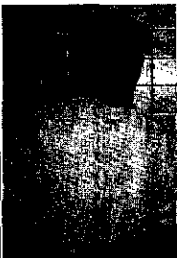
Lyle Magnuson of Answell Road has been a resident of the Township since childhood. His wife is a teacher in Pine Grove Manor School. They have two children. Mr. Magnuson attended Hamilton and Middleburgh schools. He received a B.S. degree from Rutgers

in 1936, his M.S. in 1938, and a Ph.D. from Cornell. Since 1952 he has been a member of the Department of Entomology at Rutgers Agricultural College. Mr. Magnuson is a member of the Middleburgh PTA, treasurer of the committee of Club Pack 7. Currently a member of the Planning Board, he served on the Board of Adjustments for five years.

Walter F. Campbell, Easton Avenue, has lived in the Township five and a half years. He and his wife have five children. Chairman of the Lay Advisory Committee, he is a former member of the Pine Grove PTA and a committeeman for Boy Scout Troop 9, New Brunswick. A graduate of Middleburgh High School, he has a B.S. from Rutgers and has taken post graduate courses in business administration and economics. He is now a

business administration officer at Rutgers and manager of the book store. Mr. Campbell served during the war as an Army company commander with the Infantry in North Africa, and later on the commanding general's staff at Camp Gordon, Ga. He was decorated with the Silver Star and discharged as a major.

Joseph Takacs, 45 Kosciusz Street, has been a resident of Franklin Township 33 years. He is the father of two sons. A graduate of New Brunswick High School and Penn State, he became a certified public accountant in New Jersey in 1954 and in New York in 1959. He is now supervising accountant at the Newark office of Paul, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., an international accounting firm. Mr. Takacs was formerly vice-controller for Lorham Records, president of Bunting Records,



Armand A. Petrillo

and assistant treasurer of Public Industries. He served for five years during the war, attaining the rank of captain. A member of the New Jersey Society of CPAs, the Chamber of Commerce, he serves as a Little League director.



Joseph Takacs

Armand A. Petrillo, Union Street, Kingston, has lived in Franklin for 33 years. Married, he is a graduate of local schools and Princeton High and attended Camden Business College for two years. During the war Mr. Petrillo served in the European

Theater, receiving five battle stars, a Purple Heart and a unit citation with star. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant. A member of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company, he is chairman of the Kingston tuberculosis campaign and a member of the Business Men's Association. Mr. Petrillo is currently organizing a Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. William G. Pattison, 122 Dayton Avenue, is the mother of two daughters and has lived in the Township four and one-half years. She attended school in Scranton, Pa. Mrs. Pattison has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the Pine Grove Manor PTA, and is a member of the Youth Guidance Council. She was appointed last year to the Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. James J. Sible and now serves a full three-year term.

Street, born and raised in New Brunswick, has lived in the Township five years. He graduated from New Brunswick High School, attended Rutgers University, and took courses at the American Institute of Banking and the Industrial Leaders Technical Institute. Mr. Joyce is the father of two children, one in elementary school. He is manager of the Beneficial Finance Company in New Brunswick. Active in Post 38 American Legion, Highland Park, he also is branch secretary of the Middlesex County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and a member of the Maple Needle Rod & Gun Club.

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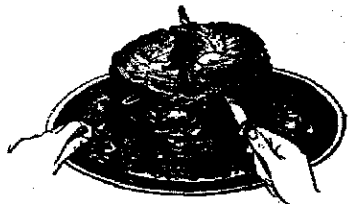
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DEATHS

ARTHUR MAGYAR, 4

Funeral services were held Friday in Gowen Funeral Home, New Brunswick, for Arthur William Magyar, four-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. William Magyar of 1 Deerfield Road, Rutgers Heights, who died Jan. 31 in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield. The child had been ill a week.

Interment was in Van Liew Cemetery, North Brunswick.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, 76

Funeral services were held Monday for William Johnson of 41 Market Street, East Millstone, who died Friday in Trenton State Hospital at the age of 76.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Franklin Park, is survived by his sister, Mrs. Bertha Ten Broeck, of East Millstone.

Interment was in Sand Hills Cemetery.

MRS. CORNELIA ACKERS, 78

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Cornelia Ackers of William

Street, East Millstone, who died Jan. 29 in Glen Gardner. Services were held in the Anderson Funeral Home, New Brunswick, with the Rev. John Dona officiating. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Ackers 78 years old.

EDWARD C. TASH, 58

Edward C. Tash, 58, died Jan. 27 in his Princeton Avenue home, Rocky Hill, after a long illness. Services were conducted Jan. 30 in the Bodine Funeral Home, Kingston, the Rev. Henry Heaps, pastor of the Kingston Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Mr. Tash, son of the late Albert and Margaret Tash, lived in Rocky Hill for 30 years.

He is survived by his brother, Albert, and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Barker and Mrs. Ada Natler of Asbury Park, and Mrs. Mabel Belhl of Allentown, N. J.

LOUIS ARNOLDO, 67

Louis Arnoldo died in his Rocky Hill home Jan. 28 at the age of 67 after a long illness.

Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Princeton, the following day. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Mr. Arnoldo is survived by his wife, May B. Arnoldo; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Alfred Veneetl of Princeton and Miss Julia R. Arnoldo of Washington, D.C.

Farm Tax Guide Now Available

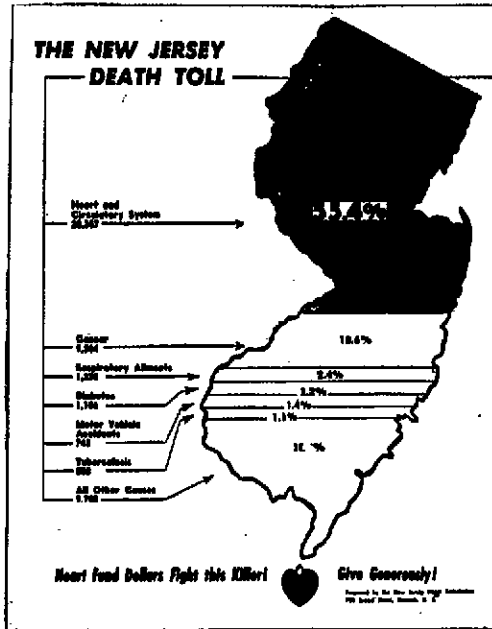
The Internal Revenue Service has published a new tax guide for farmers to help them prepare 1955 Federal income tax returns, Joseph F. J. Mayer, district director, has announced.

The 64-page guide includes a rapid-finding index and check list of items of farm income and expenses, and discusses farm inventories, depreciation, capital gains and losses, casualty losses and thefts, trades, condemnations, diseased livestock, and soil and water conservation. It will be sent to farmers on the mailing lists of Samuel H. Beck, Extension editor, Rutgers College of Agriculture. Farmers not receiving a copy may obtain one from any local Internal Revenue Service by asking for Publication No. 225, Farmers' Tax Guide.

REMINDERS GOING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS SEALS

A final reminder to those who have not yet contributed to the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale is being mailed, Mrs. Roland W. Howell of North Branch, Somerset County chairman, has announced. Any persons who did not re-

ceive their Christmas Seals or any time during the year, but an accounting for the 1955 Christmas Seals will be made shortly in state and national tuberculosis organizations. Gifts are accepted at



Official State Health Department statistics for 1954, last year for which statistics are available, show that heart disease and related ailments of the blood vessels and circulatory system resulted in more deaths than all other causes combined. The New Jersey Heart Association prepared this graph of the death toll to dramatize the need for support of its \$700,000 Heart Fund drive, now being carried on. The Heart Association's program of research, service, and education is aimed at cutting down that toll.

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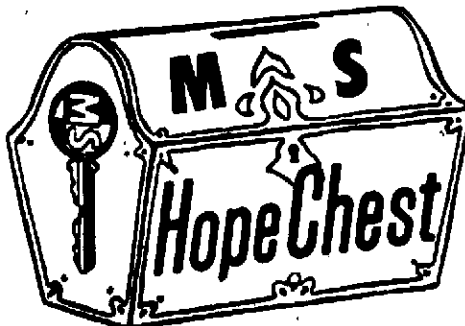
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4 Die in Flames While Mother's Away at Work

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screens of the four children trapped in the upper floor and telephoned a fire alarm at 9:40 a.m. Ten minutes later the Community Fire Company unit arrived, followed by a 2nd District crew, but already the four children, Cleo, eight months old, Kurt, 5, Barry, 4, and Darnell, 5, lay burned to death in the raging fire.

Spectators Weep

At 10 a.m. there was no sound coming from the house except the crackle of fire that was spreading throughout the lower floor. Billows of black smoke poured from the broken windows, boiling tar streamed down the outside of the walls. A cold wind fanned the flames as grim-faced firemen fought the blaze. Cars stopped and spectators watched.

One person, not knowing that anyone was inside, said, "It's only a shack, let it burn." Others watched with tears in their eyes. Assistant Fire Chief John Totten of Middlebush said the fire was under control before 10:30, but it was not completely out until almost 11 a.m. Firemen and police found the charred remnants of four bodies upstairs. Two of the tots with their pet dog were huddled under one bed, another under a second bed, and the fourth in the center of the floor.

The fire was out. The fire fighters, the police and the small group of persons who watched, said little and gradually dispersed.

Mrs. Mack, who was working at the Art Color plant, Dunellen, was taken by Dunellen police to St. Peter's hospital where she believed Eleanor only was being treated for burns. Then the emergency room nurse told her of the tragedy.

"Is it real? Is it real? Are all my babies gone?" she asked.

"They were so little, they couldn't save their little selves," she sobbed. The nurse gave her a sedative and the mother rested at the hospital before relatives from Dunellen took her and her 16-year-old son, Henry, who was attending Pine Grove School when the fire broke out, to their home.

Eleanor's Account

Eleanor was released from St. Peter's Saturday. She told hospital authorities that she tried to jump with her infant sister, Cleo, and that she told the other children to jump from the window, but they would not heed her.

Eleanor told Police Lt. Russell Pfeiffer, who is investigating the case with county officials, that her five-year-old brother, Darnell called her to the rear bedroom. "Ela," he said, "there's a fire here."

Eleanor said she had just filled the kerosene stove. She saw the blazing curtains, and because of the narrow hallway realized it was impossible to get through the stairs. She jumped from the window.

William Clason and Paul Darby, both of South Plainfield, were at the scene a short time after the fire began and said it was impossible to get inside the house because of smoke and flames.

An investigation is being conducted by Assistant County Prosecutor Robert O. Brokaw. He told The News that final re-

ports have not yet been filed, but that they will come before the Grand Jury later this month.

Funeral services were conducted in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, New Brunswick, the Rev. Charles Shelton officiating. Interment was in Franklin Memorial Park.

In the Mail

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made by the chairman of a subcommittee before two of the resignations were received by the organization from which they are resigning. This is surely group action and open to the suspicion of having been done to furnish a reason for Mr. Golden's letter.

Mr. Golden sings psalms of praise to these three candidates for their efforts in what he calls, "resolving this Township's classroom headaches." He then gives Dr. Hagmann credit for being, "decisively instrumental in bringing us to a final and successful conclusion." Appreciation is due not only to these three candidates, but to all who have worked faithfully on the school problem, but let me point out to Mr. Golden that we can not safely assume that anything has been "resolved" or "concluded" until after the referendum on March 1.

Dr. Hagmann has served on the Board of Adjustment and is now a member of the Planning Board. His training is highly specialized and is in the field of mosquito control. I respectfully suggest that this knowledge would be more valuable to the Board of Health than to the Board of Education.

Mr. Takacs has rendered constructive help in his field to both the Board of Education and the Lay Advisory Committee. I wish that this contact had come sooner so that the Board of Education and its employees could have been spared Mr. Takacs' criticism, most of which, I feel was unjustified.

Credity is indeed due Mrs. Vornacka for serving the Lay Advisory Committee under the difficulty of living at such a distance. As for her "seeing beyond the immediate need for classrooms, to the need for a re-appraisal of curriculum, teachers and teaching methods," let me say that this is a matter requiring high professional training and that when laymen attempt to interfere you are asking for serious trouble.

Mrs. James J. Slade Jr.

Recruits Needed For CD Police Unit

Township men interested in becoming members of the Civil Defense Reserve Police are asked to attend a meeting in Township Hall on Tuesday at 8 p.m. Mayor James G. Maher, Township Director of Civil Defense, will tell of the need for additional Reserve Police and of the course of instruction offered to qualify prospective members of the reserve unit.

The 80 hours of training includes the standard Red Cross first aid course. Instruction in police work will be given by members of the Police Department.

Two-hour classes will be held twice weekly, with graduation of successful candidates scheduled for May. Minimum age limit for candidates is 21 at time of graduation.

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5,736 Eligible To Vote Tuesday

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signed from the committee to avoid conflict with their candidates are Dr. Lyle Hagmann and Joseph Takacs. The chairman of the Lay Advisory Committee, Walter F. Campbell, also is a candidate, but he did not resign.

The other aspirants are Armand A. Petrillo and J. Hilton Joyce.

Biographical data on each candidate may be found on Pages 4 and 5.

Leaving the board are George Spiro, vice-president, and Isaac Stryker, who are not seeking reelection.

In the five public question, the Board of Education seeks approval for the following expenditures:

1. \$8,000 for a survey of educational needs.
2. \$32,178.75 for capital outlay expended, a sum which was paid for architectural engineering, attorney and surveying fees connected with last year's junior high school referendum which were defeated; in seeking approval of this figure, the board hopes to have it re-allocated to the school treasury.
3. \$544,188.29 for current expenses.
4. \$12,300 for repairs and replacements.
5. \$8,500 for capital outlay.

Candidates Speak

At a Candidates Meeting Tuesday night in Phillips School objection to Structo Corp. schools, which the board proposes to build, and "Items under capital outlay" was made by Mr. Petrillo.

"I am not in accord with Structo Schools. I know nothing of them," he said, and "I can't see eye to eye with certain items on the budget." He did not amplify his statements.

Mr. Petrillo was referring to the \$8,000 survey proposed by the board and \$32,178.75 expended for fees for the ill-fated junior high school.

Mrs. Vance Dunn, president of the Phillips School PTA, intro-

duced all seven candidates, who made brief speeches.

During a question period, Mrs. Slade asked Mrs. Vornacka what improvements in curriculum she would propose. Mrs. Vornacka said she would recommend general educational improvements, extra projects for brighter children, improved methods of reading instruction. She too opposed the survey.

"From what I've seen, I don't think a real survey is needed."

Tax Hearing Set for March 5

March 5 has been set as the date for a formal hearing by the County Board of Taxation to Franklin Township's objections to its share in the preliminary tax equalization table.

Tax Assessor Stephen A. Reid of Franklin informed the board Jan. 25 that he would make a formal protest of the new rate table, which raises the Township's evaluation 589 percent, from an assessed real property valuation of \$7,463,510, to an aggregate true value of \$51,401,584.

He said that Franklin's assessment percentage was in reality about 18 percent, the average struck by the tax board for county municipalities. The board determined by a study of real estate transfers that the Township's real property was being assessed at 14.52 percent of true value, but Mr. Reid contends that 1954 transactions were used in determining the percentage.

If Mr. Reid's evidence shows that Franklin's share of the burden is unfair, an adjustment will be made before the final table is adopted March 10, according to the tax board.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

The Lay Advisory Committee to the Board of Education is scheduled to meet tomorrow in Phillips School at 8 p.m.

Some 53 percent of U. S. high schools do not teach physics at all and half of them do not teach chemistry, according to AEC chairman Lewis L. Strauss.

'56 Local Tax Rate Placed at \$11.62

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budget will be found in the doubling of appropriations for road improvements, the Committee allocating \$70,000 for 1936 as compared to \$36,000 for last year. To increase patrols and other police services, the Committee has appropriated \$25,000, an increase of \$10,000 over last year.

All Township office employees will be given \$100-a-year salary increases should the budget be adopted.

The fiscal document's explanatory statement will declare that "The year 1936 is the second year for an appropriation to support the dedicated water utility budget. The sum of \$32,187 is estimated as the deficit as included in this budget. It is expected that after this year the water department will become self-sustaining."

A breakdown of the tax dollar shows it will be distributed as follows: 71.58 for schools, 17.22 for local purposes and 11.2 to the county.

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