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LAURENCE HARBOR, N.J.

PRICE FIVE CENTS



**CHEESEQUAKE FIRE HOUSE DEDICATION:** Dedication services for the new Cheesequake Fire House were held on Saturday, several hundred residents of Madison Township as well as visiting firemen were on hand to aid in the gala celebration. (L to R) Rev. Francis Crantel; Victor O'Brien; Mayor John Phillips; Township Committeeman

Harry Messenger; Chief Walter Kashau; Thomas Orchard, president; and Raymond Wisneski, Vice-president. The building was erected at an approximate cost of \$30,000 and will house three fire trucks easily. Contains large hall, kitchen area and work room.

## Terms Story As A "Dream"

Mayor John Phillips visibly aroused by a story appearing in a daily publication that Madison Township had been ruled out as a contender for a site for a proposed Atlantic Ocean Salt Water Conversion Plant termed the story a dream. "I don't know where they got that one from,"

## Scholarship Dance

Mrs. Alice Zelenak, Chairman for the Second Annual Scholarship Dance sponsored by the P.T.A. Council of Madison Township announced that the group has set a goal of \$600 for the affair. Last year the affair was a huge success and \$400 was realized from the affair.

The dance will be held on May 21 at St. Bernadett's Church Hall in Madison Park. Donation to the affair only \$1.00.

Dance music by Joseph Kaschak and His Stylist's well known popular orchestra. The affair gets underway at 9 p.m.

Residents of Madison Township are urged to attend and support this affair. Money realized from the affair will be used to establish a Scholarship Fund in Madison Township.

stated the Mayor.

Phillips stated that they have not had time for a review of proposals presented by 41 communities and have not made any decision on the location of the Saline plant. Phillips continued that they have asked for additional information from Madison Township officials regarding the water conditions and water and power rates in our town. This doesn't seem to rule us out of the picture.

Committeeman John Keating of Old Bridge added "In all information that I have received about the Saline Conversion Plant, they are interested in a location which has salt water, brackish water and contaminated water. Madison Township has all three.

The plant expected cost is in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 will have a 250,000 gallon daily fresh water capacity. After several years use for experimental purposes the plant which will be built by the U. S. Department of the Interior will be put on the auction block for public sale.

Other area municipalities applying for the Saline Conversion Plant were Perth Amboy, Sayreville and South Amboy.

## Library Dance Termed Success

The 2nd Annual Spring Dance held by the Madison Township Public Library Association of Old Bridge was termed a financial success by members of the committee.

The dance was held at the V.F.W. Hall on Bordentown Avenue, music was by Bill Winn and his orchestra. The hall was beautifully decorated by pastel candles with streamers to form a Maypole, the decorations adorned each table.

The dance was another effort by the group to raise much needed funds for their Library Building Fund. The goal set by the group is \$15,000 to build and equip a suitable building. The funds are far short of the amount needed.

The group wished to express special thanks to the Madison Township Democratic Club for their fine contribution of \$30 to the affair.

Contributions can be made to the Library Building Fund, c/o the Old Bridge Post Office. A library is sorely needed in the area and residents of Madison Township are urged to contribute to this worthy cause.

## Well, Well, Well!

Madison Township officials again were troubled by residents complaint of water problems. At Monday night's meeting of the Madison Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, water and wells seemed to be the main topic of discussion.

The problem started with the Browntown Water Company when they applied to the Board of Adjustments for a variance to install a well on property adjacent to Throckmorton Lane.

Unlike the usual complaints of water in Madison Township, where residents have stormed meetings for lack of water and water rates, residents of Sayre Woods South protested the installation of another well.

The water situation has often

been chaotic in Madison Township, several years ago the residents of Southwood suffered from a severe shortage of water and prompted Township Officials to cause the Madison Water Company to build a water storage tank in the Old Bridge area.

Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach have also had their share of water problems or rather lack of water. Residents of Cliffwood Beach charged the Cliffwood Beach Water Co., with shutting off their water supply several years ago, at a public hearing. Residents in the area presented pictures in evidence that they had to be supplied from fire trucks in order to have drinking

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## Don't Miss This "First" In Madison Township!

Do you have your tickets for the first public Concert of the Madison Township School Band? Advance ticket sales indicate a large turn-out of family, friends and boosters who are anxious to support the efforts of our township children.

Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Kaschak, who organized the band in December, 1958, and his assistant, Mr. Anthony Biko-wski, this group has developed rapidly. Scarcely six months from the time these students first picked up a musical instrument, they played and marched in the 1959 Memorial Day Parade in Laurence Harbor. The then-president of the Board of Education, Mr. Richard Pine, remarked that the "children's performance was a stirring reminder of what

can be accomplished in this great township of ours with proper leadership and guidance".

This year the band is scheduled to march in the Old Bridge Memorial Day Parade on May 29th, and will march in the Laurence Harbor Memorial Day Parade on May 30th.

The Band Concert will be presented at the Laurence Harbor Casino on May 14, 1960 at 8:15 p.m. In addition to the band, the program will include selections by the Willis and Memorial School Glee Clubs. Approximately 250 children will participate in the program.

Through the foresight and planning of Mr. Kaschak and Dr. Fred V. Hulsar, Elementary Supervisor, these children will probably form the nucleus of the Madison Township High School Band.

## Harbor Little League Marks First Official Opening

Mayor John Phillips doubled in brass for the 120 little league baseball players at the newly constructed Laurence Harbor Little League Field in the rear of Memorial School, much to the delight of all the small fry and the spectators present. Mayor Phillips not only acted as master of ceremonies but also threw out the first ball to get competition under way, and start the Harbor's first official Little League season.

The league which is composed of four completely uniformed "major" league teams and four

"minor" league clubs play a series of 18 games each, which will terminate in July. The season, however is split into two parts of nine games each with the winners of each part playing for the championship of the league. When the league title is determined, it is hoped that a Madison Township championship tourney will be played between the little league champions of Madison Park, Old Bridge, Sayre Woods South and Laurence Harbor.

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**MADISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BAND CONCERT MAY 14**

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## MADISON TOWNSHIP'S VERY OWN "GIVE-AWAY" PROGRAM!

Madison Township evidently has its very own give-away program! "Give-away" Programs are the current rage on T.V. and radio and are proving popular, however, when it comes to the taxpayers dollar that's another story.

Many residents of Madison Township are wondering why Our Town has recently lost almost \$5,000 annually in taxes on second class railroad property located here. We understand that only five (5) municipalities in the county, including Our Town, got hit for such a loss. How come?

It looks as though our Tax Assessor missed the boat, while other assessors in the county managed to avoid such a disastrous loss of tax dollars, so sorely needed by Our Town. How come?

We understand that such a loss was NOT necessary and that it could have been avoided by the use of plain common sense on our assessor's part.

We also heard that the assessor's present practice of assessing sub-divided vacant land in the hands of developers on an "acreage" basis instead of a "lot" basis has also cost the Township thousands of tax dollars (and saved the developers a bundle). How come?

Is it also true that the assessor is only levying a "partial" assessment (50%) against buildings owned by developers but not yet sold by them, where the only things left to complete them are to put the door knobs on or put the window glass in? How come? Our Town could well get to be known as the Town with no door locks or door knobs, if each taxpayer was given the same "break".

What gives Mr. Township Tax Assessor? We think it is about time that our assessor started to cooperate with the County Board of Taxation instead of ignoring its suggestions and evading its orders. Madison Township is in dire need of every tax dollar. We can't afford to miss the boat on ANY source of tax revenue.

Maybe the Township Committee should look into what is going on in our Tax Assessor's Office. The Township needs the money more than developers do!

Let's put an end to this "Give-away" program.

## WATER SHOULD COME FIRST!

At the recent meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment we had to sit back in wonderment over just what was going on.

Residents from Sayre Woods South were upset because the Browntown Water Company wanted to install another well in the area, to serve the residents of the development.

Most of the objection in evidence was not primarily over the well, but centered rather from an alleged promise that a park or playground was to be built in the area.

We feel that if the residents in the area were told that a park was going to be built in the area and now no park is in evidence, then we feel that the residents were possibly wronged and have possible cause for civil action.

However, we can not see them protesting the installation of another well in the area.

Water is a vital commodity in the daily life of residents of Our Town, expansion of any water system in Madison Township should be welcomed.

We certainly hope that the residents of Sayre Woods South never have to face a waterless day, you can not imagine the actual value of such a simple thing as water until there is no water. Many of the homeowners in the area have new lawns, imagine the fruitlessness of watching the lawn burn up because of shortage of water.

Other residents of Madison Township can well remember, waterless, days when restrictions for watering lawns and even taking showers had to be enforced.

We certainly hope that the residents of Sayre Woods South clamor not against the installation of another well but rather FOR IT.

**WELL, WELL! Cont'd**  
water. The same situation occurred in Old Bridge.

Leonard Paff, a member of the Board of Adjustments stated that the water was so low in the fire hydrants a few years ago, in the Old Bridge area, that an emergency existed and water had to be pumped from Duermal Lake into the fire hydrants in order

to fight a fire in the area.

Henry Sevrin, attorney for the Browntown Water Company, reported that the company was going to install another well in order to ease operation of one pump used by the company at the present time. Sevrin stated that they are permitted to pump only 600,000 gallons of water a day from the ground he added that the second well would be

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



May 4, 1960

Madison American  
Box 231  
Laurence Harbor, N.J.

Attention: Mr. James White

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the Woman's Club of Laurence Harbor I wish to express sincere appreciation for the coverage which your newspaper gave to our various club meetings and projects during the past year.

Our Publicity Book did not take a prize, however, we consider it a complete volume of the history of our club during the club year from May, 1959 until May, 1960.

Our club members will be very grateful if the MADISON AMERICAN will continue to give the Woman's Club of Laurence Harbor's news such excellent attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Olga Becker  
President of Woman's  
Club of Laurence Harbor

used as a relief well and in the case of emergency. He stated that the water tank in the area only stores enough water for one day's operation. He claimed that the extra well would ensure smooth operation of the water company, in the event of an emergency.

Residents of Sayre Woods South on Wendy Street were the main objectors to the proposal stating that when they purchased their homes they were told by the development sales people that there was going to be a park in the rear of them. Many claimed that they purchased their homes on the promise of the park in order that their children would have an area to play in.

One resident stated that when he looked at a plot map of the area there were at least twenty trees painted in. What we actually have to look at is a water tank in the back yard.

Henry Delbasco a member of the planning board asked the residents if they were against the well, or was it because they felt a park was to be built in the area. Many yelled back, we don't want any well, we want a park.

James Tortorice, a member of the Zoning Board and also a member of the Industrial Commission stated that if you have a grievance about the park that this is the wrong meeting to bring it to, and suggested that they (the residents of Wendy Street) take it up with the planning board or the township committee. The residents charged that they had complained to the Planning Board and were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Sevrin stated that the Browntown Company would like to install the extra well before the summer season is here and warned of possible dry spells if the well was not installed. He stated that it was recommended that the second well be installed as far away as possible from the existing well because of what he termed a "cone of influence" and should be at least the distance away as the well was deep.

After consideration it was moved by Henry Delbasco that the variance be denied. Delbasco pointed out that the reason for the request in the variance was that the well would have been 10 feet from the property line so therefore the need for the variance. He added that if the Browntown Water Company wanted to install a well twenty-five feet from their property line it would not require a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The board was unanimous in their decision.

Approval for a gasoline station to be erected on Route 18 (alternate) was held over pending further study.

## Under The Fence

**RECEIVED IN THE MAIL:** I have lived in the Cliffwood Beach area for over 16 years and haven't seen one thing done for the roads in the area, other than spreading a carpet of oil all over the roads, which is usually tracked in the house by the children. Imagine my surprise when returning home from work the other evening, the road department was fixing the shoulder of the road along Ocean Blvd. and the Pirate Ship Circle. It was a great pleasure to see the men working on the roads. They haven't forgotten Cliffwood Beach. I have ruined several tires on the edge of the road, where it was washed away. I don't suppose that you will print this letter because it praises somebody, but if you do please omit my name. Thank you. Signed - Long Time Resident of Cliffwood Beach.

**Editor's Note:** See you were wrong again, we did print the letter.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Understand a big shake up is in the making in the Police Department. The way we get the story is that the Township Committee will enforce a "Out on Patrol Drive". We hear that Township officials will request the chief of police to place all available patrolmen out on patrol. This will include officers also. Rumor has it that several local police do not want civil service because they are afraid that they might not be able to pass the physical examination. Several taxpayers are urging township officials to look into the finances of several police officers. Many of the officers are having a hard time paying their bills (like the most of us.) Township Police are still low on the salary scale, State PBA officials warn that when police officer's salaries are low, then the policemen start looking for help from the unions.

**LOVE AFFAIR:** Hear about the fellow that was stuck in the sand on one of the roads in Old Bridge? Seems as though the fellow had a woman with him and went for help. The woman's husband happened to pass by and offered a push to get the car out of the sand. Was her face red? We understand that the fellow never came back to move his car for several hours until husband got tired of waiting around for him! Husband is a big fellow and is waiting until he runs into the boy friend again. Fireworks ought to fly with this one. Wifey Dear has been meeting the boy friend at a shopping center on Route 18; he is now driving another car belonging to his sister. Never - a - dull - moment.

**BUYER BEWARE:** We keep repeating this item several times a year but evidently people are still being stuck. Watch out for the phoney fertilizer salesman who come around door to door in the daytime peddling what ap-

pears to be a high grade humus or that's what they claim. We have heard reports that the stuff is made up of coffee grounds, soot and dirt, flavored with manure. It's one of the biggest con games in recent times.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** How about taking a look at Cheesequake Road it's in pretty sad shape, again? Seems as though the problem in the area is bad drainage? How about putting a drain pipe across the road to drain off the water rather than having the water drain on the road and continually washing it away. Those big heavy trucks running up and down on the road don't do it any good either! Wonder what ever happened to the plans for storm drain sewers on Ernston Road? This is a county problem and also involves the Borough of Sayreville and Madison Township. Everytime it rains, the heavy rainfall makes it look like the Johnstown Flood. We still think they ought to change the name of the road to River Road, cause it always looks like a flood. How about erecting some dead end signs on some of the roads down in Laurence Harbor before someone ends up in Raritan Bay?

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Rumor bouncing around the town that one of the "Higher Educators" in the school system will be leaving soon for a new job as Superintendent of schools in South Jersey. The fellow will be missed by the Madison Township School System, but we understand that he is going for higher pay and advancement. The fellow in question almost became Superintendent of Schools for Madison Township. We hate to see him leave the system and hope that the rumors are not true. He has done a very good job in Madison Township for the pupils and the residents. High School building program underway the steel is being erected. We certainly hope that the Board of Education continues to push for a rapid completion of the high school plant.

**IT'S A SHAME:** We wonder if the residents of Madison Township are aware of the fact that there are several historic cemeteries located in Madison Township. Many of the newer residents of Our Town don't realize this because of the weeds and trees growing in the cemeteries. We think a very worthwhile project for some of the veterans groups in Madison Township, like the American Legion and the V.F.W., would be the cleaning up of the cemeteries. Many of the cemeteries contain the burial place of veterans of Wars long gone by. Perhaps the township officials would even loan you a truck to aid in this project. Let's clean them up; it's a disgrace.

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## Students Hold Science Fair

Cape Canaveral, Florida had nothing to compare with the exhibition put on by the students of Memorial School, Laurence Harbor, when they staged their first annual Science Fair at that hallowed hall of education recently.

Under the very able direction of the teaching staff, namely, Principal James Maloney, Kenneth Szaro, James J. Cannon,

George Sheryka, Justina Maloney and Eugene Fedor, the embryo scientists from the third to the eighth grades, presented more than 100 exhibits. Among the many models exhibited were those of astrology, agriculture, electronics, metallurgy and radiation.

Trophies were awarded by the PTA and the judges were Louis Gesualdo, science teacher at Willis School, George Buono, sixth grade teacher at Whited Brown School and Florence Scherer, second grade teacher at #9 School.

Among the boys and girls who were dressed in their "Sunday Best" and who accepted prizes and were individual winners were Donald Quade, third grade; Karen Crane, fourth grade; Anne Mary Forte and Jo Ann Meridith, fifth grade; Carol Devecka, Linda Monenschein, Robert Porter and Thomas Houghtalin, sixth grade; Philip Neal and Richard Bailes, seventh grade; Laura Lucas and Susan Martin, eighth grade.

Following the exhibit, a business session of the Laurence Harbor Cliffwood Beach PTA was held. An election of officers for the coming year saw Mrs. Joseph Deerin reelected president. Serving with her will be vice presidents Mrs. Vincent Applegate, Mrs. Ted Krumenaker, and Mrs. Florence Scherer. Mrs. Russell Macdonald was elected treasurer and secretaries named were Mrs. Irene Devecka and Mrs. Marie Weston.

### Plan "Buck Nite"

At the regular monthly meeting of the Laurence Harbor Democratic Club meeting at Byrnes Hall on Route 35, Laurence Harbor, president Gilbert Tier presided.

The group planned a "Buck Nite" for June 4, the entire membership of the club are asked to pledge support to the affair to make it a success.

The club president, appointed a Picnic Committee to make plans for such an affair and report back at the next meeting.

The Democratic Club also voted a donation to the Laurence Harbor Little League.

Joseph Hoff, candidate for Township Committee was guest speaker at the affair. Hoff outlined the Democratic Platform for the coming November election and urged that local Democrats concentrate on a clean sweep in the November election. Hoff stated that the local political situation looks good for a "smashing" Democratic Victory but that we must take nothing for granted and must work and strive for a complete victory.

Following the meeting refreshments were served.



HI-HO! They Came to The Fair:- Sixth Grade Students at the Memorial School look over some of the displays at the Science Fair held recently

(L to R) William Carroll, David Tully, William Bodie, Steven Skubils, Donald Lubritsky and Robert Novatin.

### Garden Club To Meet

The monthly meeting of the Window Box Garden Club of Southwood, Old Bridge will be held May 17th in the home of Mrs. Robert L. Dragon, 95 Southwood Drive with Mrs. Alfred McGrath serving as co-hostess.

An illustrated lecture, "Your Backyard" will be given by Mr. Gibbs of Gibbs Home & Garden Center, Cranberry Rd., Jamesburg, N. J. Preceding the movies which Mr. Gibbs will show to the Club, members will hold a discussion on "Background for Flower Arrangements and Suggestions for Containers."

Mrs. Charles Campbell, Program Chairman has completed arrangements for a visit by the Club to Bambergers, Menlo Park on July 18th. An evening entitled "Buffet Luncheons and Informal Dinners" has been planned by the store for the club members.

At the April meeting held in the home of Mrs. R. Gerard DeYoung, 31 Farmbrook Drive (Mrs. Albert Pasient co-hostess) it was decided by unanimous decision that the Garden Club will help the Madison Township Library Association of Old Bridge with its Fair which will be held on June 25th on Route 18 (Temporary) the site of the proposed new library, by having a penny toss booth.

Mrs. James Moffat, 108 Southwood Drive was welcomed as a new member to the Garden Club.

### Music For Concert Listed

Tickets on sale for the concert to be given by the Madison Township School Band

The concert will be presented in three parts. The opening number by the band will be "The Viceroy Overture", followed by "Carnival for Trombones", "Tango Tropical", "Gypsy Waltz", "Forest Glen Overture", "Sunday Holiday", "Irish Serenade", "Ain't We Got Fun", "Activity March" and "Carnival for Trumpets".

Following a brief intermission the Glee Clubs will render the following numbers: "Hail To Our Country", "Peace of the River", and "Whistle A Happy Tune". Excerpts from the "Tom Sawyer" operetta will be sung by that chorus.

Part III of the concert will include the following band numbers: "Project March", "Grant Us Peace", "Gay Nineties Waltz", "Cowboy Legend", "Bugle Boy", "Military Escort March", "The Star Spangled Banner" and as a finale "Colonel Bogey March".

### LITTLE LEAGUE Cont'd

In addition to Mayor Phillips, other township officials participating and speaking in the opening day ceremonies were Township Committeeman Harry Messinger, recreation chairman, and Joseph G. Hoff, president of the Board of Education.

Field Manager Clarence Vogel had the diamond in excellent shape for the future "Babe Ruths and Lou Gehrigs" and expressed thanks to the fathers of the boys playing baseball and other interested men and women of the area who made all this possible.

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### V.F.W. Joint Installation Held

The Hoffman-Prince Post #2672, V.F.W., Laurence Harbor held their joint installation on Saturday evening, May 7th at Byrnes Hall, Route #35, Laurence Harbor.

The Auxiliary was instituted and installed at the gala joint meeting.

Installation services for the Post Officers included: Commander, William J. Trinkner; Sr. Vice Commander, Robert Knight; Junior Vice Commander, William Carroll; Quartermaster, Walter Vohdin, Jr.; Post Advocate, Vincent Walsh; Chaplin, Joseph McMahon; Surgeon, William Prince; Trustees, Edward Zbiegien, Andrew Buchko and George Carroll; Adjutant, William Loughlin; Officer of the Day, John Kirkirt; Patriotic Instructor, Raymond Carroll; Post Historian, Peter Weir; Post Service Officer, Edward Hoffman; Post Legislative Officer, Richard Kirkirt; Public Relation Officer, Edward Muldoon and Guard Betram Haines.

Arthur Morin, Chief of Staff of State Department was the installing officer for the services.

Mrs. Florence Ambrose was installing officer for the installation of officers for the Auxiliary. Mrs. Ambrose serves as Department Chief of Staff. Installed to the Ladies Auxiliary of the V. F. W. Post #2672 were: President, Gladys M. Trinkner; Senior Vice President, Virginia Knight; Junior Vice President, Rhoda Hoffman; Treasurer, Eileen Muldoon; Conductress, Margaret Buchko; Chaplain, Edna Kirkirt; Patriotic Instructor, Alice Walsh; Historian, Rachael Loughlin; Trustees, Faye Prince, Alice Walsh and Dorothy Fenwick; Color Bearers, Eileen Prince, Theresa Vohdin, Dorothy Carroll and Gladys Carroll; Guard, Mary Carroll and Secretary, Nora Haines.

Newly installed Post Commander William J. Trinkner addressed the group. He stated, "Tonight is one that the residents of the Harbor area can well be proud of, for it marks the formal installation of officers of a group dedicated in peace as they were dedicated in war. The Hoffman-Prince Post has started in humble beginnings but as time passes the post will continue to expand."

The Family Circle

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES SEARLASKI of 7 Brandeis Road, Madison Park they will celebrate their 10th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow. . . many, many, more. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CARL CLEBAK of Neptune Place, Laurence Harbor they will celebrate their 11th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday. . . Best Wishes to Mrs. MARY GUINTA of 10 Sycamore Drive, Old Bridge she celebrated her birthday on Tuesday. . . Happy Birthday. . . Duke Court, in Madison Park was well represented at St. Bernadettes Church on Saturday where the following made their First Holy Communion. . . KEVIN BERGIN, PATRICIA STANTON, JOSEPHINE CAFARRO, KATHLEEN KLEINBARD and MAUREEN JOHNSON. . . Mrs. CARL ZAHN of Route 9 Browntown, entertained at a luncheon on Monday, Mrs. CHARLES ZAHN and Mrs. Joseph SCANLON of Laurence Harbor Mrs. JOSEPH TYRRELL and children and Mrs. WALTER REILEY. . . Best Wishes to Mrs. KATHERINE CRESSMAN of Highway 9 Cheesequake she will celebrate her birthday on Monday. . . Mrs. JEAN VANCE of 116 Southwood Drive, Old Bridge has her sister, Mrs. KATHERINE SIKORSKI of Long Island visiting for a few days. . . she came down with beautiful graduation dresses she made for BARBARA and MARILYN for their Eight Grade and High School graduations in June. . . Best Wishes to Mrs. SYD BAXTER of Laurence Harbor she will celebrate her birthday on Saturday. . . BILLY ZAYAS of 18 Duke Court, Madison Park is bedded down with the Chicken Pox. . . get rid of them soon. . . Postmaster and Mrs. William Ohnsman of Laurence Harbor have returned from a recent vacation in Florida. . . Bill says it sure is nice to get away. . . but when you return the work sure has piled up. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD FOWLER of 5 Essex Lane, Old Bridge on their new son PAUL born this week, he joins LINDA and RICHARD. . . BERNARD (Unpredictable) SCANLON of Shoreland Circle Laurence Harbor surprised his mother with a fall and five stitches last Mothers Day. . . so what does he surprise her with this year. . .

on Monday. . . a broken collar bone. . . poor ole BERNARD. . . Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND RYAN of Highway #34, Cheesequake visited with LOUISE'S mother. . . Mrs. THOMAS ROSSO of Metuchen on Mother's Day. . . Best Wishes to Mr. DEAN LA FRENNE of 25 Brandeis Road, Madison Park he celebrated his birthday on May 4 with a party on Saturday. . . we hear that a good time was had by all. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JACK MCGOWAN of 27 Southwood Drive, Old Bridge on the birth of a new daughter she joins 5 other children. . . Clear the roads!! . . Mrs. ADDIE SCHROEDER of Shoreland Circle, Laurence Harbor has just received her drivers license. . . Mr. and Mrs. JAMES REDD of 71 Southwood Drive, Old Bridge entertained the JOHN MELLOW'S of New York and the PREZESKY'S of Englishtown for dinner on Sunday. . . the 6th grade of the Whited Brown School, Cheesequake went on their class trip to Philadelphia they toured Independence Hall and the Ben Franklin Museum. . . and all had a wonderful time in the City of Brotherly Love. . . ALICE HARRISON of 74 Southwood Drive, Old Bridge had her parents from Jersey City visiting with her for the weekend. . . Mr. and Mrs. AL ROSEN of 76 Southwood Drive, Old Bridge are expecting the arrival of Sir Stork at any day now. . . they now have two lovely daughters and are hoping for another. . . while on the other hand the neighbors would love to see a boy. . . JOHN O'CONNOR of 7 Stoney Brook Drive, Old Bridge is home on a 24 day furlough from Georgia prior to his discharge in June. . . an open house was given for JAMES GERITY III of Perth Amboy upon his recent confirmation at St. Mary's R. C. Church. . . the affair was sponsored by his parents Mr. and Mrs. JAMES GERITY JR at GERITY'S BREEZE INN Laurence Harbor. . . News for the Family Circle just write Mrs. IRENE WHITE, 22 Princeton Road, Palin, N.J. or telephone Parkway 1-3207. . . Birthday. . . Wedding Anniversary. . . Vacation Trip. . . Wedding. . . It's all news for the Family Circle. . . remember there is no charge for this service.

Circus Coming To Madison

Harry T. Hunt, business manager of the Royal International Circus, is out to prove that rumors that this is a poor show town are entirely without foundation. The show will appear here on June 13, 1960 under the auspices of Hoffman - Prince Post #2672 V.F.W. "We've heard this talk for years from other circus folks and up to now we've believed it," Hunt said, "however, a few years ago circumstances beyond our control put us in just such a

town on short notice and believe it or not we had one of the biggest dates of the season!" From that time on show agents specifically hunted out other towns reputed to be disinterested in circuses with equally surprising results. "In most of these towns we were actually thanked for coming. It seemed that many parents had long wanted to show their youngsters a real, live circus and now they had the opportunity." Hunt went on to say that he considers himself to be a "merchant of memories" whose sole product is nostalgia. "I feel that the circus bridges the gap between old and young and allows them to share a common experience that has been handed down from generation to generation," Hunt added.

ROUND OUR TOWN

The Second Annual Scholarship Dance will be held on May 21 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall in Madison Park. Donation to the affair only \$1.00. The dance is sponsored by the PTA Council of Madison Township.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Cheesequake Fire Company will hold a dance on Saturday, May 14 at the Firehouse on Route 34, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets for the affair are available from the membership or may be obtained at the door. Music by the Bednar Brothers.

The 8th Grade Classes of the Willis School, Old Bridge will go on their class trip on June 1. . . Their Prom is set for June

8. . . with graduation scheduled for June 15th.

A FASHION SHOW and CARD PARTY will be held on Thursday May 12th at St. Lawrence R. C. Church, Laurence Harbor. . . Don't miss this affair sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society.

Madison Park Volunteer Fire Company holding their Fourth Annual Bazaar from May 9th until May 14th at the Sayre Woods Shopping Center plan to attend the affair. Many, many wonderful rides for children as well as adults. Many valuable prizes to be had. Come one Come all.

TICKETS may still be obtained for the Spring Concert to be given by the Madison Township School Band. Donations are only \$1.00 plan to attend May 14, at 8 p.m. at the Laurence Harbor Casino.

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Officers Elected By Fire Unit

At a recent meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cheesequake Independent Fire Company, the following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Betty O'Brien; Vice President, Mrs. Dorothy Fenwick; Secretary, Mrs. Lois Drost; Financial Secretary, Mrs. June Boice; Treasurer, Mrs. Louise Ryan.

Installation of officers will take place at the Shore Point Inn on Tuesday, May 31.

The group also discussed final plans for the Spring Dance to be held at the Fire House on Route 34, Cheesequake on May 14 at 9 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Bednar's, popular area dance band. Refreshments will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.00 per person donation or from Mrs. Betty O'Brien, PA 1-5612 or Mrs. Angie Soltis at LO 6-2595.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Township Committee of the Township of Madison, for furniture, equipment and furnishings, for the Municipal Building of the Township of Madison, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey. Bids will be opened and read aloud in public by the Township Committee of the Township of Madison, in the County of Middlesex in the Municipal Building, Route 34 and Route 9 Junction, Madison Township, New Jersey on May 23rd, 1960 at 8 P.M., D.S.T. prevailing time.

Specifications, bid forms and contract documents may be obtained and examined at the offices of the Township Clerk, located at Route 34 and Route 9, Junction, Madison Township, New Jersey.

Bidders may be required to qualify to the satisfaction of the Township of Madison both as to financial responsibility and the capability of efficient execution of the work. A certified check in the amount of ten per cent (10%) of the bid made payable to the Township of Madison, New Jersey, must accompany each proposal to be forfeited in whole or in part, at the option of the Township of Madison, in case the bidder receiving the award shall fail to execute a contract and furnish an approved completion and guarantee bond, in an amount equal to one hundred per cent (100%) of the acceptance of his bid, and in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the instructions to bidders.

Each bidder must submit with his bid a certificate of a surety company stating that the said surety company will provide, in the event that he should be the successful bidder, a surety bond in the amount of one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract, as contained in the specifications, said surety bond to be satisfactory to the Township of Madison.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Township of Madison. The Township of Madison reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities and to award contracts for the whole or any part of the bids, as may be deemed best for the interests of the Township of Madison.

By order of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Madison, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

MRS. MARY BROWN,  
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## A MOST WORTHY CAUSE

On May 21, 1960 at St. Bernadette's Hall in Madison Park there will be a dance sponsored by the P.T.A. Council of Madison Township. Many residents of Our Town will simply shrug their shoulders and say "So what! They have plenty of dances, it seems that everytime you turn around this P.T.A. or that P.T.A. is having a dance."

Certainly, we must agree there are many dances and many affairs sponsored by the various groups in Madison Township, each of course, deserving of aid. Each performing a definite civic service or function to the residents of Madison Township.

However, we can think of no cause more worthy than the Scholarship Foundation of Madison Township. The various P.T.A.'s sponsoring this fund call on We, the People, of Madison Township to support this most worthy cause.

To provide this worthy cause with financial aid is the sole purpose of the dance to be held on May 21, 1960, all proceeds derived from the dance will be used for the scholarship fund which was established in 1959. The road ahead is a hard one. The Scholarship Fund will be used to help future graduates of our new high school to continue their education at the college of their choice.

Other communities in New Jersey are fortunate to have large industries, the very wealthy and other benefactors to present scholarship awards to various deserving students.

In Madison Township we are a growing community, made up on the most part, of plain ordinary working men and women, retired people and farmers, who for years barely eked out an existence from the soil that they toiled so faithfully. We have no large industry to offer any scholarships! We have no millionaires! We have merely the will to succeed, the will of the people of Our Town, pulling together as one to make the scholarship fund a success.

The men and women of the P.T.A. Council of Madison Township are trying to raise money for this worthy and much needed cause. We certainly hope that the residents of Madison Township will hear the call and answer.

## SPEED UNLIMITED!!

It is alarming to note that a major thoroughfare in Madison Township, namely, Ocean Blvd., Cliffwood Beach is without a posted speed limit.

To those of our citizens who do not know of this main artery, Ocean Blvd., Cliffwood Beach, runs roughly three-quarters of a mile east from Route 35 at the Pirate Ship to the township and Monmouth County boundary line at the confluence of Whale Creek and Raritan Bay.

This thoroughfare is a two lane strip of concrete flanked by houses on each side, both new and old. It is no longer a lonely country road. Its present population is heavy and growing more dense as time marches on. This road might be called a side door to Madison Township and is highly important as such.

With the warm weather already here Ocean Blvd., poses a particular problem. It can be safely said that with the exception of perhaps Route 9, 34, 35 and Englishtown Road, Ocean Blvd., Cliffwood Beach carries more than its load of summer vehicular traffic.

Pedestrian traffic is also very heavy during the summer months as this roadway (less sidewalks) with narrow shoulders is the main walk for the hundreds of residents who take advantage of the beach and pool facilities at the foot of this artery.

To further complicate matters and make this a double-dangerous stretch of roadway, Ocean Blvd., has become a mecca for the "hot-rod racers" for miles around. It is not uncommon to see speeding cars burn up the concrete in improvised "stock-car races".

Speed unlimited, traffic both car and children on bicycles plus pedestrians certainly tend to make travel on the road a risky and dangerous business.

Let's establish and post a sensible speed limit and enforce it by constant police patrolling of the area. The dangerous situation existing now is not getting any better, merely making a turn for the worse. Take action now! It may be later than you think?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. James E. White  
Editor-Publisher  
The Madison-American  
Box 14  
Parlin, New Jersey

Dear Mr. White:

The members of the Band Parents Club, whose children participated in the first annual Concert of the Madison Township School Band, wish to convey our very special and sincere thanks to you for the fine publicity you have consistently given this school project. We are sure your coverage throughout the year has contributed greatly towards making the Township aware of the progress these children have made, and to the success of the Concert.

In particular, the front-page story and picture in your May 11th edition was very gratifying in view of the tremendous amount of work and effort put into this project by both the children and their directors, Mr. Joseph Kaschak and Mr. Anthony Bockowski.

Again, our sincere thanks.

Band Parents Club  
Madison Twp. School Band  
James Johnson, President



News

At the meeting of the Laurence Harbor Lions Club held last Monday at Burlews Restaurant, President William F. Ohnsman appointed Lion Casimer Samolyk chairman of the coming Lions Tag Days and Lion James Coogan, chairman of the installation committee.

Definite dates for these two affairs will be made at the next board of directors meeting.

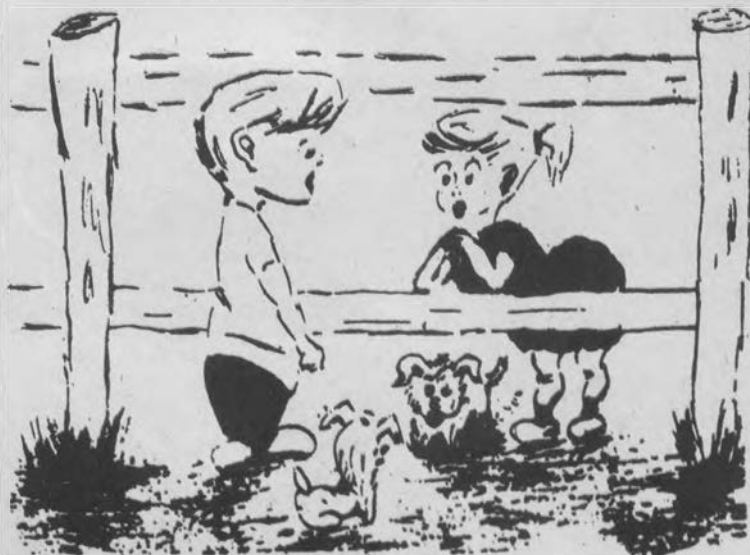
The local Lions Club are planning an extensive paper pick-up drive on Sunday, June 12th with all proceeds from the sale of the paper going to the Laurence Harbor Boy Scout Troops. The public is asked to co-operate to make this the biggest paper collection of the year . . . Remember the date, June 12th.

Lion John H. Thompson, past president of the Franklin Township Lions Club and former Lions Deputy District Governor, was a guest of the local club at the last meeting.

Lion President William Ohnsman spoke on the Lionism with his subject being: "It's Great to be a Lion". The point was brought out that the purpose of the Lions Club is more than good fellowship and social life -- it is to recognize Community needs and develop means of meeting them. Lions Clubs have a complete community activities program.

They are interested in every opportunity for unselfish service to the community.

The Lions Club therefore presents an unrivalled medium through which civic-minded, public-spirited individuals may serve their community.



## Under The Fence

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**RACE TRACK:** Residents of the Cliffwood Beach area are up in arms! Cars are again using Ocean Blvd. for a "race-track". Many parents are worried about the situation. Another accident took place on Ocean Blvd. on Sunday. No one was killed but just how far can you push "luck"? Local police department should place Radar Equipment on the road for perhaps a week and give out a few tickets for speeding that's about the only way that this "speeding" will be stopped. Ocean Blvd. is heavily travelled now but wait until the summer trade comes in. Brother you haven't seen anything yet.

**LOVE AFFAIR:** Latest Love Affair reported in the Cheesequake area. Husband works nights and his wife works days. Hubby Dear gets up around 1 p.m. and takes a daily trip to Matawan where he meets a Miss X. The way we get the story this has been going on for sometime. Wifey Dear hasn't the faintest idea what's going on. The single Miss involved happens to be one of Wifey's (best?) girl friends, was a bridesmaid at her marriage a few years ago. Hubby Dear has known the "girl friend" prior to his marriage. The whole thing will break soon because another "friend" will soon tell the whole story to "wifey-dear". It's so nice to have a louse around the house.

**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION:** Still no word on the Industrial Commission or industry locating in Madison Township. Last thing we have heard was that a sign has been ordered the only trouble the industrial commission which is supposed to locate industry for Madison Township has failed so far in an effort to locate a place for the sign. The booklet put out recently by the industrial commission is a bunch of hog wash, you could have obtained the same material from Middlesex County. We wonder what the printing bill and postage and mail on the booklet came to? We hear it was quite a bundle? We think any further expenditures will be merely wasting the taxpayers money. When and if industry locates in Madison Township it will be through the efforts of the Township Committee and not the industrial commission. We hear that the Township Committee has

something all lined up. We hope so?

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Understand that the Township police are really patrolling the Old Bridge area. The way we get the story is that there have been several "Peeping Tom" or prowler complaints in the area. It is extremely hard to catch a "prowler" because it usually ends up to be someone who has either lived in the community, or worked in the community or is a resident of the area. In most cases the "prowler" or "peeping Tom" knows the area pretty well and in the cover of night manages to elude the police. Many prowlers have been known to observe "police stake-outs" of a particular area, they then move their operations or suspend them. **TIPS:** Notify police department of all strangers in the area. Make a note of the license number of a strange car. Keep car doors locked. Leave outside lights on. Above all keep window shades or blinds drawn. We know of one town where the "Peeping Tom" always took his dog for a walk at night, if he was caught between buildings his alibi "I was out walking my dog and it slipped the leash." Every dog walker isn't a "Peeping Tom" but many are!!

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Steel work on the new high school is being erected at a rapid pace. We understand that the board is arguing over what kind of brick to use for facing the building? How about something that is nice and inexpensive and readily available that we don't have to order and wait six months for delivery or something? The steel strike put the building at least six months behind schedule. Let's not put it another six months behind by quibbling over the brick? We understand that the Board is already starting to plan for more elementary grades for Madison Township, these are sorely needed. At the present rate it looks like the Madison Township School System will be on double sessions next year. Completely. We see that the Board is having trouble with the Septic Tank at the Memorial School. They are not the only ones in the area to have Septic Tank trouble. We understand that

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## Legion Poppy Sale Starts May 23 In Harbor

Mrs. Andrew Carver, Poppy Chairman for Laurence Harbor Unit 332 American Legion Auxiliary and Rollin Rathbun chairman for The American Legion have announced that plans have been completed for the Annual Poppy Drive to be held in Laurence Harbor the week prior to Memorial Day.

Members of the Legion and Auxiliary would like it known to the residents of the community that the annual observance of wearing the Memorial Flower is held to honor the half-million Americans who died for their country and the more than one million men and women who were wounded in both World Wars and

the Korean Conflict.

The poppies that will be distributed in this area were made by the veterans at the Home for Disabled Veterans in Menlo Park. Making the poppies has given much needed therapy and gainful employment to those servicemen who are still hospitalized.

It is hoped by the volunteers of the Legion and Auxiliary that everyone will be as generous this year as in the past keeping in mind that all the money realized from this project is used for the rehabilitation of the disabled veteran and his family, but the main purpose is the observance of honoring all of America's dead.

## Miller P.T.A. Officers Installed

New officers for the 1960-61 school year were installed recently at the Wm. A. Miller P.T.A. meeting. Mrs. Norman Volk, Jr. vice president of the Middlesex County Council of P.T.A. served as the installing officer and presented a Past President's pin to Mrs. Joseph Stanko commending her for her leadership during the past year. Mrs. Robert Rhodes presented corsages to the incoming officers.

Elected for the new year are: Mrs. Wm. Boardman, kindergarten teacher - President; Mrs. Joseph Stanko - Vice President; Mrs. Robert Rhodes - Recording Secretary; Mrs. Andrew Frank - Corresponding Secretary and William Vass - Treasurer.

During the business meeting the membership voted to set aside money from the treasury to erect a trophy case in the school - the remaining funds to be used to purchase additional books for the new school library which was the P.T.A. project for the year. It is expected that dedication of the new library will take place some time in June.

A badminton set and a number of record albums were presented to the school by the Hospitality Committee for the children's use. Mrs. Boardman, the new President, gave a gift of jewelry to Mrs. Stanko on behalf of the executive committee who served with her.

Upon accepting the gavel, Mrs. Boardman called for a special meeting in June to organize committees and make plans for the new school year.

## Shopping Center For Cliffwood Beach

The builders of Knollcroft, Route 35, Cliffwood Beach, have announced that a shopping centre serving their 200 home development will soon begin to take shape. The firm's officials say that they have begun negotiating

with prospective retail outlets. This will be Cliffwood Beach's first and only shopping area and will be a boon to old time Beach residents as well as the occupants of the new development homes.

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From that time on show agents

## Rescued From Water

Police reported that six year old John Mawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mawson of 5 Pine-tree Road, Southwood was rescued from drowning by two older boys recently after he fell into a cellar party filled with water at the end of Sadowski Drive, Madison Township Patrolman

Boyd Nash, who conducted the investigation reported that the house, under construction, had at least five feet of water in the cellar into which the boy fell while at play.

The house was reported to be owned by the Great Jersey Homes of Hillside

## Plant Hit By Vandals

Police reported extensive damage done to the former Southwood Sewerage Plant #1 located near the Miller School in Old Bridge.

The vandalism according to police, took place sometime between Thursday and Saturday afternoon when the damage was reported.

Police were notified of the damage by a reporter for the Madison American. The sewerage plant had not been in use for some months and was surrounded by a link-chain fence with barbed wire over the top.

Entry was made by climbing under the fence and forcing entry to the pumping house through a side door of the building.

Both doors to the building had been broken from the hinges and all windows broken out and the chlorinating equipment, estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000, was smashed.

## Church Hears F.D.R. Bodyguard

Walter A. Haman, former bodyguard of Presidents F. D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, was guest speaker of the Men's Group at the Browntown Community Church, Route 18, last Monday night.

The Rev. Francis Cantel, pastor, commented that Mr. Haman's speech was most thrilling and enthralling.

The speaker traced his career from criminal investigator in the Pennsylvania State Police to the White House in Washington, D.C., where he was a secret service man for six years. During that period he was present at the



GOING UP: Steel for the Madison Township High School rapidly being erected by steelworkers. The \$2,000,000, High School is expected to be ready for occupancy by September, 1961. High School receiving districts are balking at taking any more of

Madison's pupils. (Left to Right) Dr. William Sample, Superintendent of Schools; Arnold C. Rose, Representative of Merchant, Siedel and Hickey; Joseph G. Hoff, Board of Education President and William Kerr, Member of Board of Education.

## SALARY ORDINANCE Cont'd

the Monday. He also stated that there will be no garbage collection on May 30, Memorial Day.

Harry Messenger, Township Recreation Chairman, reported that his committee will meet shortly with a playground equipment firm in the hopes of securing various playground items needed in the township. Messenger again requested that applications for Life-guards be submitted to the Township Clerk for positions of Life-Guard to be filled at the Duhernal Lake and Laurence Harbor Beach Front

## Township Recreational Sites.

John Conover, G.O.P. Municipal Chairman again complained of a buring garbage dump in the Laurence Harbor area. Mayor Phillips reported that they looked into the situation and the operator claims that they have been covering the garbage with dirt, and claims the fire that was in the dump was "sabotage". Phillips did not elaborate on the "sabotage" issue but rumors around the town tell of a "private war" between private scavengers.

A resident of Central Park urged that the township committee remind residents of the Township of the dog ordinance. He stated that the ordinance was a good one if it was enforced, he claimed that dogs are more dangerous in the summer. Keating stated that "all dogs are supposed to be on a leash, the one trouble is that the dog catcher has to come quite a distance to our town and by the time he gets here the stray dog is usually gone.

A discussion about teen-agers using profane language and "pushing" women around come from several residents of Sayre-Woods South. Phillips stated that if you have any trouble with anyone, all you have to do is notify the police department and sign a complaint and they will take care of the situation.

The meeting was adjourned.



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## Books Added To Children's Library

Mrs. Florence Holmes, newly appointed library chairman of the Women's Club of Laurence Harbor, has announced that eight new books for children have been added to the library's shelves.

Mrs. Holmes outlined future plans and need for additional equipment and books with Mrs. Olga Becker, club president; Mrs. Charles Rogerson, Mrs. Eugene Wosatka, Mrs. Ragnor Wang, Mrs. Casimar Samolyk, and Mrs. Roger Martin, other members present.

## Teacher On Y.M.C.A. Staff

Michael Krajovich, and I. wife, Joan, will join the staff of the Perth Amboy Y.M.C.A. Summer Day Camp in Sayreville. Mr. Krajovich, a Madison Township school teacher, has a fine background in work with youngsters. His wife is also an experienced teacher.

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WE HEARD A CRASH ON THE HIGHWAY: 1955 Chrysler (right) driven by Terrance H. Anderson, 415 Shore Road, Union Beach alleged to have crashed head-on into car (left) driven by Francis G. Mazur, 555 Myrtle Avenue, Garwood, N.J. Accident took place on Ocean Blvd., Cliffwood Beach, 165 feet west of Whale Creek Bridge. According to police report the Anderson vehicle was rejected for Bad Steering on April 29.

Police reported 75 feet of skid marks before impact, Anderson stated that he was going 25 m.p.h. Mazur claimed that the Anderson vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. On the scene was the Laurence Harbor First Aid Squad and the Madison Township Police Department.

(Madison American Photo)

## Mueller Named Winner In Americanism Essay Contest

Printed below is the winning essay in the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Laurence Harbor Unit 332. Mrs. Joseph Mollis served as chairman for the affair.

The essay was written by Richard Mueller who is an eighth grade pupil at the Memorial School, Laurence Harbor. Richard's teacher is Mrs. Spardaro.

### WHAT IS PATRIOTISM? by Richard Mueller

Patriotism is devotion to one's country and also may be classified as National loyalty. Our first President, George Washington, whose birthday we celebrate on February 22nd is to my knowledge the best example of patriotism. All through his lifetime he live patriotism and carried it through to the fullest extent. "I as an American citizen believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrifice their lives and fortunes."

I, therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

## 4-H Pedal Pushers To Visit Rutgers

The Browntown 4-H Pedal Pushers club has completed final arrangements to attend the Middlesex County 4-H Hen party, May 28, at the Log Cabin, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Shaffren, Browntown, it was announced that Diane Maul, Nancy Zamorski and Linda Johnson will attend the 4-H Camp, from July 11 to July 16, at Stokes State Forest, Branchville.

The club also made a donation to the 4-H Camp Boat fund and the National 4-H center, Wash-

ington, D.C. Lady leaders present at the meeting were Mrs. Louis Zamorski, Mrs. Ernest Owens, Mrs. B. C. Maccia and Mrs. Hans Krimmel.

Miss Margaret Krimmel demonstrated making fancy sandwiches for the young 4-H club Jay Gees.

Plan "Buck Nite" At the regular monthly meeting of the Laurence Harbor Democratic Club meeting at Byrnes Hall on Route 35, Laurence Harbor, president Gilbert Tier presided.

The group planned a "Buck Nite" for June 4.

## Mid-Madison Association Plan Bus Trip

The Mid-Madison Civic Association will sponsor a bus trip to Ballantine's, Newark, on Thursday, June 23, 1960. Buses will leave from the Cheesecake Fire House at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Elvira Costello is in charge of the ticket distribution. Proceeds from the trip will be donated to the Madison Township library building fund.

The next monthly meeting for the group will be held at 8 p.m. on June 2, at Hill Lanes, Route #9. All members are asked to attend.

## Enters Exhibit

Mrs. Edwin Laudano, Farrington Road, Cheesecake, who paints under the name of Virginia Dietrich in her professional life, exhibited six paintings in the auditorium of the Perth Amboy General Hospital recently. The exhibition was a benefit for the scholarship fund.

Mrs. Laudano, who is a highly experienced and very prolific

## Nominated By Legion Post

Nomination of officers was held at a meeting of the Crandall-Kossman Legion Post 177 at a recent meeting in the Legion Hall.

Nominated were: Commander, Frank Pignataro; vice commander, Bill Alexander and Harry Barber; Finance Officer, Louis Magee; service officer, William R. Ball; historian, John Brys; chaplain, Hal Bennet; Sergeant-at-arms, Harold Schiavo.

John Kulpa has been selected to represent the post at Boys State the alternate is Ken Ryniec. It was announced that the post will sponsor a Little League Baseball team this year for the fifth time.

The membership committee announced that the membership has exceeded the goal of 177, set by the post as the number they would have liked to reach

artist, has received many art scholarships and awards for her work. She conducts art classes for both adults and children in Matawan.

in the membership drive. The membership of the post is now 187. The committee was thanked for the wonderful job they have done on boosting membership in the organization.

It was announced that the Memorial Day parade will be held on May 29 at 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with the V.F.W. Post 133.

## Paper Drive

Plans have been completed by the Laurence Harbor Lions Club to conduct a gigantic Paper Drive on June 12th.

William Ohnsman, President of the Harbor Lions urged the co-operation of the residents of the Laurence Harbor-Cliffwood Beach area to make this the largest paper drive of the year.

All proceeds from the sale of scrap paper will be donated to the Boy Scout Troops in the Laurence Harbor area.

The Paper Drive is set for Sunday, June 12th.



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### Woman's Club Reports On Convention

Members of The Woman's Club of Laurence Harbor have returned to their homes after attending the New Jersey State Federation Convention in Atlantic City.

Their schedule included attendance at the public welfare, drama, art, parliamentary and American home conference and workshops. All the members attended the Drama Festival Plays and Mrs. Olga Becker, president of the club, participated in the processional and attended the Presidents' Dinner, and the Presidents' Round Table.

Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Robert Martin were the club delegates for the three-day session and others attending the one-day conferences and workshops were Mrs. Gilbert O. Tier, Mrs. William Weeks, Mrs. F. L. Baum, Mrs. George Jochs, Mrs. Earl Eriksen Sr., Mrs. Ragnar Wang, Mrs. Laurence Holden, Mrs. George Makuk and Mrs. David E. Watson.

Coming events of the club include a meeting of the American Home Department Thursday, May 19th, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Casimer Samolyk, Wood-

bine Way, Laurence Harbor and attendance at Vineland Day, May 25th. The Drama Department of the club will meet May 26 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Martin, 183 Orchard Ave., Laurence Harbor.

### Scholarship Dance

Mrs. Alice Zelenak, Chairman for the Second Annual Scholarship Dance sponsored by the P.T.A. Council of Madison Township an-

nounced that the group has set a goal of \$600 for the affair. Last year the affair was a huge success and \$400 was realized from the affair.

The dance will be held on May 21 at St. Bernadett's Church Hall in Madison Park. Donation to the affair only \$1.00.

Dance music by Joseph Kaschak and His Stylist's well known popular orchestra. The affair gets underway at 9 p.m.



**BUY A POPPY:** Mayor John Phillips of Madison Township purchases First Poppy from Mrs. Jack Olsen, president, of Ladies Auxiliary, Laurence Harbor American Legion Unit #332 at Madison Township Municipal Building. Poppy Drive gets underway May 23rd. Won't you buy a Poppy?

### Population Increased Three Fold

Although the totals are incomplete, the figures reported to date show a great increase in population for the part of Middlesex County included in the Third Congressional District. Over 168,000 people have been enumerated to date. Areas where the greatest increases have been noted are Madison Township and East Brunswick where the population reported is more than triple the figure for 1950. Other areas showing sizeable increases are Sayreville and South Bruns-

wick, reporting totals approximately doubling the 1950 count. Preliminary figures for the entire area, and places of 10,000 or more population, within the area will be released by the District Supervisor, Mrs. Margaret S. Primavera, upon satisfactory completion of the Census in the whole Congressional District.

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