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LAURENCE HARBOR, N.J.

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FIVE CENTS

No Valentines-- Collector And Assessor Discharged

Tax Collector Thomas English and Township Tax Assessor Frank Viafora may have received Valentine Cards on Monday but they also received a letter from Acting Manager John Barbalegata that as of Friday, February 18 their services were no longer needed and that they were dis-

charged-the letters were short according to Viafora. There was no reason listed in the letter for their discharge.

The pair are the latest to get the "axe."

Deputy Manager Joseph Leo was fired from his job earlier and Township Manager Paul

Hermann failed to receive a vote of confidence by the council.

Plumbing Inspector Eugene Hulse of Laurence Harbor was earlier "suspended" from his job. A trio of police led by Police Chief Charles Boice removed the records from the Plumbing Inspectors files and

Hulse was notified in writing by the Acting Manager that he was "suspended" from his duties pending an investigation of his records.

The changeover in some of the personnel is remindful of the G.O.P. gaining control of the Township Council in January, 1963. The G.O.P. majority on the council appointed Frank Viafora as Township Tax Assessor, they replaced David Watson of Laurence Harbor and abolished the full time job making the tax collector Thomas English on a part-time basis.

The Republican majority also replaced many of the Building Inspectors and the Plumbing Inspector.

There is presently a mute question as to whether the Acting Manager can legally fire some of the personnel. It is understood as of this writing that at least one of the persons fired by the acting manager will try to get a court decision upsetting the action of the acting manager.

In another aspect of the Democratic Control on the Township Council the Democrats led by Mayor Harry Messenger unseated John Mullane of South Amboy. In December the then

G.O.P. majority appointed John Mullane to fill the position of Township Magistrate replacing Samuel Sladkus. The Democrats then voted that the appointment was believed to be illegal and appointed Samuel Sladkus as the magistrate. Mullane has since taken the problem to the courts to determine whether the appointment he received was legal or not. The courts appointed John Everitt of South Amboy to serve as Acting Magistrate until a legal opinion of the situation is made.

The situation is getting more confusing every day, at the present time the Acting Manager has not relieved any of the clerks in any of the offices from their jobs, many feel that most of the workers in the Municipal Building will keep their present jobs.

Prior to the first of January the G.O.P. controlled council voted along party lines to pass a Personnel Ordinance. One of the first things that the Democratic controlled council moved on was an ordinance abolishing the Personnel Ordinance. There has been no talk in regards to adoption of a similar ordinance on the part of the Democrats.

Board Reorganization Meeting Held

Last Monday was St. Valentine's Day but you would never know it if you attended the annual reorganization meeting of the Madison Township Board of Education. During the hectic session no love was shown for Charles Thompson who was unceremoniously dumped from his seat as a Board of Education member. He was elected two years ago when he successfully ran for the post with his one-time friend, Mrs. Carol Delbasco Kosobucki.

Last December Thompson submitted a letter to the board which was accepted by the body as his resignation. There was a stipulation in the letter which was handed to the board on Dec. 9, stating that he would resign providing that his seat would be filled by the electorate. At that time the board accepted the resignation with no strings attached and upon the advice of the board's attorney, Alfred Hill, who said that the resignation was not conditional and that it was binding.

Thompson later decided to withdraw the resignation but Hill said that since the resignation was accepted by the board Thompson could not withdraw the resignation.

At Monday night's meeting a letter was read which had been sent by Thompson to the State Department of Education, outlining the original letter of resignation and reviewing the events of the past two months. In the letter Thompson further stated that he was asking the state officials to uphold his "right" to the board seat.

Thompson promised to pursue his "right" to his seat in the courts. It is expected that he will start proceedings very soon.

The reorganization meeting was fraught with tension throughout the evening. Acting Board Secretary Lindley Higgins who conducted the meeting before the seating of the new board silenced Thompson with repeated gavel poundings. Arguments were the order of the evening with Thompson and William Kerr on one side and most of the balance of the board on the otherside. Charges and counter-charges were hurled back and forth.

Kerr was the only member of the board who voted against Thompson's ouster. William Rice made the motion to unseat Thompson and Mrs. Kosobucki moved that Thompson's vote be stricken from the record.

Inducted as new board members were Donald Bates of Sayre Woods South, Mrs. Francis White of Central Park and Kerr from Laurence Harbor.

In addition to Bates, Sayre Woods South now has three members, the other two are Rice and Higgins. Cheesequake is represented by Richard Pine and Mrs. Kosobucki. Joseph Capelli is from Browntown. Thompson's seat will be selected by a board vote.

Following the induction of the three election winners, Rice was

elected president and Mrs. Kosobucki, vice president.

Committee chairmen were made by Rice as follows: Richard Pine, Athletics and Non-Professional Personnel; William Kerr, Supplies; Lindley Higgins, Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Francis White, Health and Legislation; Donald Bates, Transportation; Joseph Capelli, School Expansion; Mrs. Carol Kosobucki, Professional Personnel and Kerr and Capelli special school problems.

Other committee heads will be named later.

In a motion by Pine the Amboy-Madison National Bank, Browntown Branch, was named official depository for school funds.

Fire Report Issued

Chief D. Cofone reported that during January the Madison Park Vol. Fire Company spent 208 hours responding to 13 emergencies, which included, 5 house fires, 2 brush fires, 1 car fire, 1 store fire, 1 general alarm, 1 stand by and 2 false alarms.

The Fire Company is in need of men who are shift or night workers. If anyone is interested in joining our company, please contact Chief Cofone at PA 1-6897, or Joe Peschel at PA 1-6160 or visit us at the firehouse on Cheesequake rd. any Friday night after 8:30 p.m. Inquiries will be most welcome and cordially received.

The Fire Company requests that all Home Owners with hydrants on their property, please keep them free of snow during the snow season.

Congratulations to the McCoyes of 25 Princeton rd. on winning the valuable merchandise prize for the month of January.

Elks Crippled Children

Fund Drive Underway

In a special Proclamation issued recently, Mayor Harry E. Messenger recognized the

Dance Planned

At a meeting of the Cliffwood Beach Democratic Club, at the Wrode House, on Route 35, final plans were made for the Dance that is going to be held on February 19, at the VFW Hall on Cliffwood Ave., Cliffwood Beach. Tickets to the dance are \$2.50 per person, and may be obtained at the door, or from the following people: Chairman of the affair, Mrs. Betty Wnoroski, 70 Ocean Blvd., Cliffwood Beach, Club President, Mrs. Leonard Hornster, 51 Woodshore West, or Secretary Mrs. George Stone, 42 Pacific Blvd. Music will be furnished by the George Vigor Band.

charitable nature of the 1966 Elks' Shield Campaign and called upon all local residents to contribute to this fund raising Drive as generously as possible.

Under the Proclamation, Mayor Messenger pointed out that the funds raised in the Shield Campaign are used not only by Sayrewood Lodge for its work with crippled children but also for charities such as support of cerebral palsy clinics, etc.

The Shield Campaign, which is now underway, is placing seals bearing the slogan "I'm Glad Somebody Cares" in the hands of local residents. Donations are being solicited on a voluntary basis only, as an expression by those people who are able to assist others less fortunate.

The Proclamation also indicates the local nature of the State Campaign, pointing out that donations from the local area are returned in proportion to Sayrewood Lodge. These funds then are used by Sayrewood Lodge in helping handicapped children in this area. Last year, Sayrewood Lodge spent \$3,765 in its work with crippled children.

The Shield Campaign is being conducted by the New Jersey State Elks' Crippled Children's Committee, with the cooperation of Sayrewood Lodge. John Picuri is Chairman of the local Crippled Children's Committee.

Church Auction

St. Ambrose Church societies will hold an auction at 8 p.m. Feb. 21 at the parish hall. Mrs. Margaret McKeegan, Mrs. Joan Kellady and Vincent Wyer are chairmen.

Teen Dance

The Madison Park Vol. Fire Company will have a teen dance on Friday Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. Music by Castells - Tickets: \$1 on sale at door.

Aboard USS Gearing

Signalman Second Class Edward J. Kettner, Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Kettner of 32 Pomona Blvd., Cliffwood Beach is participating in Operation "Springboard," an Atlantic Fleet exercise being conducted in the Caribbean, while serving aboard the destroyer USS Gearing.

The annual exercise is conducted to provide ships and units with training in the latest anti-submarine warfare tactics, anti-aircraft warfare, air strike operations, underway replenishment and joint operations.

Destroyers are high-speed ships used primarily in anti-submarine warfare. They also operate offensively against surface ships, defend against airborne attack, and provide gunfire support for amphibious assaults.

Contest Set

The Woman's Club of Laurence Harbor will meet at the Laurence Harbor Community Church on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, at 8 o'clock. Following the business meeting a "WHO IS THIS CHILD" contest will be held. All members are asked to enter their baby or childhood pictures in this contest.

The Madison Township Historical Society will meet on Tuesday evening, February 22, at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. Sheldon Pinoos, 3 Boulevard South, Cliffwood Beach, at 8 o'clock.

Vote No Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 23 the residents of Madison Township will have the opportunity to once again vote on the gigantic School Budget. The local Board of Education made quite a bit of fuss about reducing the budget. This reduction was a slap in the face to the voters of Madison Township who turned out and defeated the budget by an almost two to one vote.

The Board by some fancy figuring came up with some \$46,000 which they suddenly found as surplus money. They removed from the referendum a tractor which was supposed to cost another \$5,000. Then by some slight of hand they reduced the \$5.6 million dollar budget by a little over \$100,000.

Supporters of the budget point out teachers raises as the reason for supporting this gigantic budget. The Madison American has never been against teachers salaries, we are against loading of a budget and then blaming it on increase in teachers accounts. If the money that is listed in this gigantic budget as OTHER EXPENSES was explained, if purchase of buses, the hiring of additional drivers, was explained we don't think that anyone in Madison Township would be against the Budget. However -- Township residents don't want to buy a pig in the poke -- As the old Chinese proverb goes "Figures don't lie -- but liars can figure." We urge that the residents of the Township vote NO on this gigantic school budget -- it can be reduced without harming any child's education.

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UNDER THE FENCE

FEUDING AND FUSSING: It looks like the Republican Party is going to have another one of their hot feuds going again in the very near future. Many of the top G.O.P. workers are a little upset. Many feel that the G.O.P. should have attacked the firing of Joseph Leo as Deputy Manager and the ousting of Manager Paul Hermann. Leo was one of the reasons why the G.O.P. ever won an election in Madison Township and one of the close supporters of Municipal Chairman Donald Borst but Borst nor anyone in the Republican Party came to the defense of Leo. In the meantime Leo has been hitting the campaign trail in defense of the "Rat Finks" a group within the New Jersey State Young Republican. Seems as though there were a couple of song writers in the outfit and some of the songs were anti-negro or anti-something -- we feel that somebody is anti - Pleckner and anti-Joe Leo.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Well some of the boys in the police department are a little upset. Seems as though somebody moved Captain Gillard up from the Detective Department and re-appointed Lt. Volkert in charge of the Detectives. The way we get the story is that it is quite possible that Captain Gillard may find himself in charge of one of the night shifts and out on patrol. The only thing that we can remind the troops is that they were hired to be patrolmen--not Captains or detectives--if everybody just did their own job and not worry about the next guy--everything would work a whole lot smoother. Well spring must be in the air and there is a lot of "buck" fever, everybody but everybody is worrying about pay increase and promotions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: With the recent battle over vacancies

on the Board of Education it is quite possible that a ten member Board of Education will be scheduled for Madison. So what else is new we have three police magistrates so why not ten members on the Board. If the Board of Education is successful in ousting Thompson they will in all probability appoint Staples to the Board. Staples ran with Bates and White but lost out to Kerr by a handful of votes. Things should really start "popping" with the Board in a few weeks. We understand that many residents in the Madison Park area will be down to protest about the sea of mud around the Madison Park School, youngsters really have to run the gauntlet since the ground thawed out.

THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM: Many Democrats in Madison Township are still upset about the appointment of Walter Zizik to the Madison Township Municipal Authority (water authority), they can't figure out how come a Republican was awarded the position on the Authority. We hear from one member of the authority that the appointment was made because Zizik is around the township all day. We wonder if there are any plans underway to merge the Water Authority and the Sewerage Authority together. Many members of the Democratic Party would have liked to be named to the authority. Time will tell. Maybe this is a conflict of interest? Seems as though other people get questioned about conflicts of interest wonder how come no one questioned this appointment?

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION: Understand that the industrial commission is presently working on a couple of large manufacturers to locate in Madison Township with taxes spiralling we certainly hope they are successful in obtaining the much needed ratables. All we need in Madison Township is one outfit like Ford Motor or General

Motors to locate in the Township and the Industrial growth would be unprecedented. Look what happened in Edison Township only 15 years ago. We are certain to get industry sooner or later, but we prefer to see it sooner much sooner. How about it?

TAKE FIVE REV. JAMES SILVER Pastor Laurence Harbor Community Church

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in thee." Psalm 56:3.

Basil King, in "The Conquest of Fear," writes: "When I say that during most of my conscious life I have been a prey of fears, I take it for granted that I am expressing the case of the majority of people. I cannot remember a time when a dread of one kind or another was not in the air. In childhood it was the fear of going to bed. Later it was the fear of school, the first contact of the tender young soul with life's crudeness. Later still there was the experience which all of us know of waking in the morning with a feeling of dismay at what we have to do on getting up. Fear dogs us one way and another, but everyone in some way."

As Mr. King says, many of us are prey to fears. But this doesn't have to be the case. The alternative is that a man walks with God. When he does this, he puts his trust in the one who is always loving and faithful no matter how changing and uncertain life is. It finally becomes an issue of what we want to do. Do we go on depending on the undependable creature which is ourselves, or do we commit our lives to the eternal God and so know freedom from fear.

Prayer: O Lord, help us to put our confidence in Thee that we might stop being dogged by fear. Amen.

Total Loss

Disaster struck the Old Bridge First Aid and Emergency Ambulance Squad on Marlboro Road, when an explosion and ensuing fire completely destroyed the squad building and most of the squad's equipment including ambulances.

As the ashes were cooling the members of the squad were already trying to get back in business with borrowed equipment.

Also destroyed in the fire was equipment of the Old Bridge Woman's Club which operated a Child Health Center with co-operation of the Visiting Nurses Association.

The Woman's Club of Old Bridge was one of the first organizations to plan a benefit Dinner Dance for the benefit of the First Aid Squad.

We certainly hope that the residents of Madison Township will get behind the members of the First Aid Squad and really donate to get the Squad back to par. While the fire was certainly a disaster there is no question that the residents of Madison Township will band together to aid the Squad.

Every penny will help the Squad. Everyone knows of the great performance and service that is tended by the dedicated members of the Squad on behalf of the residents of Our Town.

Won't you all please help?

Letters

The Editor:

The attached letter was sent as an "open letter" to the governor. It would be appreciated if you could include this copy in your "to the editor" column or any other public opinion page.

Thank you,

Eric F. Schriever
29 Gerard Avenue
Old Bridge, N. J.

Dear Governor Hughes:

I would like to request that your office, or an elected or appointed agency that has jurisdiction, investigate a situation in Madison Township, New Jersey that has become increasingly onerous to many of our townspeople interested in maintaining in our community a school system devoid of political control and manipulation.

I believe that two recent newspaper articles speak for themselves. The first is written by a Democratic County Committeeman who objects to the willful violations of state statutes, regarding the conduct of school board elections, by fellow members of his own County Committee! These County Committee people are actively encouraged in this undertaking by the leading members of the Madison Township Democratic organization.

The second article is written by a newly elected school board candidate, a registered Democrat, who shares these views and is also writing you to initiate a state investigation into the flagrant misconduct of a political organization in our school elections.

As a taxpayer who is very interested in seeing that all monies allocated for local education are spent and spent well on only local education, and as a supporter of yours who voted for you in the last election primarily because of your liberal views on the educational needs of our state, I ask you to conduct an exhaustive investigation in Madison Township as to the role of the local Democratic party in our school board elections, and upon finding any irregularities or acts of political interference, to order these parties to "cease and desist" under penalty of law. I would hope for a public

declaration of any and all findings to be made so that all political groups would be made aware of the consequences of improper interference in school board elections should they decide to involve themselves in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Eric F. Schriever

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your letter to Governor Hughes was very timely but if you study the results of the recent school board election the Democratic Party in Madison Township could not have played a very important part in figuring out the winners. The voting in itself was more or less sectional with Sayre Woods South voting heavily for the candidates who more or less were endorsed by the Better Education Committee. We don't believe that the Democratic Party would have lost the school election if they had really thrown all their weight into the fight, note the results of the last November election when all Democrats running won by substantial amounts. Whether the Citizens For Education or whatever they called themselves were made up of primarily Democrats can't be construed as an endorsement by the Democratic Party in Madison Township. Any group of residents can form any group and support whom ever they feel like supporting. This is one of the benefits of living in the United States, we can still form groups, this Editor may not agree with the leadership of the group or their policy but we don't deny anyone the right to form any organization and support candidates of their own choice even DEMOCRATS.

Plaque Presented

Jack Sisco, president of the Old Bridge Athletic Association presented to the Old Bridge Lions Club at its most recent meeting a plaque honoring the Lions Club for its support and financial aid for the past 5 years.

Louis Zinis, president of the Old Bridge Lions Club, accepted this award, and on behalf of the membership thanked the Old Bridge Athletic Association for all the worthwhile work with the youngsters from the area.

YOUR DIMES WILL DO IT AGAIN !



GIVE GENEROUSLY !

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Elks' Crippled Children's Committee has once again launched its Annual Appeal for Funds with the mailing of its seals to thousands of homes in the State, and

WHEREAS, Funds so raised provide examinations, treatments, therapy and surgery, as well as trained personnel to carry out the program, and

WHEREAS, Sayrewood Lodge, was able through money raised by this means to spend \$3,765.00 in helping children in this area last year, and

WHEREAS, a total of \$264,025.40 was expended by all Lodges in the State for this purpose last year, and

WHEREAS, this year's goal of \$200,000. would help more children help themselves if it was over-subscribed, and

THEREFORE, I Harry E. Messenger Mayor of Madison Twp. do urge our citizens to recognize the worthiness of this endeavor and do further urge them to contribute as generously as they can to this Fund Appeal.

Harry E. Messenger
MAYOR Madison Township

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THE RECLAMATION OF LANDS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MADISON BY SANITARY LAND FILL METHODS AND ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY LAND FILL SITES."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Madison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the above-captioned Ordinance be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 (c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The cost for such construction permit shall be in the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per year and such permit shall be renewed annually, if recommended by the Township Engineer.

Section 2. Paragraph 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

After obtaining such construction permit as aforesaid, no person, firm or corporation shall operate and maintain a sanitary land fill in Madison Township without having also obtained from the Board of Health of the Township of Madison an operating permit, the granting of a construction permit not being construed to be a permit for the subsequent operation of a sanitary land fill site.

Such operating permit shall be initially issued for a period of one (1) year and shall be automatically renewed for a subsequent one (1) year period, provided that the land fill operation for which said permit was issued has been operated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the State Sanitary Code during the previous one (1) year period.

The costs for such operating permit shall be the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and there shall be an additional annual charge of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each automatic renewal.

Section 3. Paragraph 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board of Health and the Township Engineer and any other officials designated by the Board of Health shall exercise close and rigid control of the method of operation and maintenance of any sanitary land fill project for which an operating permit has been issued, and the original operating permit or any renewal thereof may be terminated by action of the Madison Township Board of Health, after timely notice and a public hearing with respect to any alleged violations of the requirements of this Ordinance or of the State Sanitary Code or of any other applicable Health Ordinances, rules or regulations.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the foregoing ordi-

nance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Madison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, held in Townhall, Route 9 on February 7, 1966, and that the same will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Madison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, to be held in Townhall, Route 9, at 8:00 p.m. on February 21, 1966, or as soon thereafter as said matter may be reached, at which time all those interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Twp. of Madison Council
Mary M. Brown,
Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MADISON TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY" Adopted May 17, 1954

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Madison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that:

Section 1. That this Ordinance shall be amended by the following addition:

Paragraph 4 The members of the Madison Township Sewerage Authority shall each receive compensation by a way of a salary in a sum to be designated by a majority vote of the members of the sewerage authority, but in no event to exceed the sum of One thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars per member per year.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and passage according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Madison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, held at the Municipal Building on Route 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey, on February 7, 1966, the above Ordinance was adopted on final passage and shall take effect according to law.

Township of Madison Council
Mary M. Brown,
Clerk

Graduates

Miss Diane C. Metler of 208 Shoreland Circle, Laurence Harbor, was graduated with honors from St. Louis University in commencement exercises held recently.

Miss Metler received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, cum laude.

Meeting Set

The regular meeting of the Covenant Women of the Laurence Harbor Community Church will be held at the Church on Tuesday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

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Reports For Duty

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District. 9-10-19-20-21-22

Laurence Harbor Fire House, Laurence Parkway

District. 3-4-5-14-15

South Old Bridge Fire House, Appleby Avenue

District. 2-6-13-23-24-18

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