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Second Place Team



Madison Township Rifle and Pistol Club's Winter team shooting in the Raritan Valley Pistol League is pictured above. The #1 team came in second place in the 'C' Div. of the League. Kneeling in front are: left to right Vic Truden, Capt. Ed Murawski and Ted Jarsen. Standing in the rear

are: Larry Olivero, Vinny Ruggiano, Frank Ansb and Art Piguat. Missing from the picture are: from Team #1, Carl Leech and Bernie Cohan. From Team #2, Dick Thomas, John Muller, George Sneider, Mal Krafte and Marty Wetstein.

The final report of the winter season for the Madison Township Rifle and Pistol Club: Team 1 came in 2nd place in the 'C' Division in the Raritan Valley Pistol League.

The club's record for this season was 18 wins and 3 de-

feats. This was an improvement over last summer when they had 11 wins and 4 defeats record. Team Capt. Ed Murawski is well satisfied with the team's success since coming in 2nd out of 8 teams is very good for a new team shooting their first year,

with many of the shooters just beginning.

Capt. Murawski also wishes to report that most of the club's shooters improved during the winter season. Big improvements were noted in the average of Ted Jarsen from a 247 average last summer to 253 this winter. The team Capt. slipped and dropped his average by 7 points to a 252 average, slipping out of first place position on the team. Ted Jarsen was the high shooter this winter outpointing Capt. Murawski by a fraction of a point.

Vic Truden is coming up fast on the team with a 250 average this winter. His was the best gain as he came up 24 points over his summer average. Friendly rivalry continues again between Carl Leech and Bernie Cohan. Each week saw them trying to beat each other. This winter Bernie Cohan beat Carl Leech by a fraction of a point, and you can't get closer than that. Vinny Ruggiano averaged a little over 231. Art Piguat was a great asset to Team #1 although sick he shot the match. On Team #2 Dick Thomas developed into a fine shooter and will be on team #1 this summer. He averaged 244 and is a beginner with us. Doing a good job on Team #2 were Larry Olivero, George Sneider, Mel Krafte, Marty Wetstein, John Muller and Frank Amson. #2 team also ran.

Selected For Training

Airman Walter D. Wasilkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Wasilkowski of 183 Princeton Road, Parlin, has been selected for training at Lowry AFB, Colo., as an Air Force munitions specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

A graduate of Madison Township High School in Old Bridge, Airman Wasilkowski attended Alma White College in Zarephath.

Hit At Municipal Budget

"Colossal, exorbitant and outrageous" were terms used today by former tax assessor Frank R. Viafora and former tax collector Thomas J. English in describing the township's record \$2.2 million budget.

The budget, which will double the municipal purposes tax rate, was analyzed in a statement by the two former tax officials.

Viafora and English said the record appropriations in the 1966 budget will result in a minimum increase of \$105 in 1966 taxes on the average \$16,000 home, and an approximate total of \$600.

"The taxpayers of the township are rapidly reaching the breaking point and cannot much longer endure the burden of such obvious public extravagance as has been demonstrated in this new budget," Viafora and English said.

"At the public budget hearing, the council majority proved that economy in government is hardly one of its goals. They rammed through a massive budget whose chief characteristic is a substantial salary increase for themselves."

The pair continued, "The council majority can only be described as hypocritical when it votes a budget cut of a half million

dollars for the school system, but refuses to adopt the same attitude towards its own budget.

"Some apologists for the present administration have attempted to explain away the massive budget increase by attributing it to the municipality's tax picture under the previous administration.

"It is easy to see how preposterous that kind of reasoning is when we examine the three main factors which are responsible for the giant budget.

"On one hand, the council majority approved staggering increases in expenditures for which they admitted they had no clearly defined programs, and didn't even know fully what the money would be used for.

"On the other hand, the council underestimated revenue forthcoming to the township, thereby increasing the amount of taxes which must be paid by the individual property-owner.

"And at the same time, by refusing to use their opportunity to appeal to the division of local government for relief from the unusual New Jersey statutory requirements in 1965, they dealt serious harm to the taxpayers. They, in effect, subjected the taxpayers to an unrealistic estimate of the 1966 tax collection ratio."

Viafora and English added, "These factors, added together, produced a three quarter million dollar budget increase, reflecting the deaf ear which the council majority has turned to the plight of the home-owner in Madison Township."

Stationed In Thailand

Airman Second Class Erick W. E. Whelpley of Old Bridge, is now on duty with the U. S. Air Force in Thailand.

Airman Whelpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whelpley of 221 Cindy St., Old Bridge, serves as a radio repairman.

G.O.P. Feud Continuing

Despite efforts made by G.O.P. Municipal Chairman Donald Borst to terminate the feud which rocked the Republican Organization in Madison Township, it appears that the local G.O.P. is in for a bitter Primary battle.

Borst, at a meeting of the G.O.P. County Committee held in Old Bridge, appointed a four man "steering committee" but it appears that storm clouds are gathering in the ranks of the G.O.P.

Borst has served as chairman of the Republican Organization for many years. He was serving as chairman when the township organized under the Falkner Act.

At that time the control of the Township was in the hands of the Democrats who successfully had elected five township committeemen, township tax collector, township tax assessor, in fact they held all the elected posts in the Township.

Under the provisions of the Falkner act the township committee became known as a council and the membership was upped to seven councilmen.

The G.O.P. were successful in defeating the Democrats and placed five councilmen to the council. Under the provisions of

the Falkner Act the position of tax collector and tax assessor became appointed jobs. The G.O.P. majority appointed Thomas English as a part-time collector and Frank Viafora as a full-time tax assessor.

The rift in the Republican Party had been building up for some time but it reached its climax in the Primary Election of 1965 when candidates supported by Borst were defeated by a group known as the "Good Government Republicans." The split became more evident when Vincent Cancellieri ran on a write-in campaign as an Independent. Many political observers blame the write-in campaign plus the fact that many of Borst's supporters alleged to have swung their votes over to the Democratic Party. The Democrats won heavily in the Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach area, topping many of the county office seekers who usually have very little trouble receiving large majorities in these areas.

At the first of the year (1966) the Democrats went to work along party lines and ousted Joseph Leo, a close supporter of Borst;

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Much Work Needed

The Madison Township Board of Education is currently preparing a Four Million Dollar school expansion program to place before the voters of Our Town.

We definitely feel that the Board of Education has a lot of work to do with the general public before any school referendum would pass.

There is no doubt that the referendum for the Madison Township High School was the best handled program that has ever been placed before the voters in Our Town. The Board of Education worked as a team with the various civic and service organizations in the Township.

The fact that Madison Township was finally going to obtain a high school also aided in the general support of the program. The people of Our Town responded and gave a tremendous approval to the program. Remembering back many of the various civic groups were sold on the idea that the Madison Township High School would be used as a Community Center for the youth and other organizations seeking meeting places and such--if this was their thinking--then many of the supporting groups were sorely disappointed.

It is our humble opinion that the high school and various schools in the Township belong to the people of Madison Township--they do not belong to the Board of Education--nor do they belong to the janitors and teachers. We feel that the Board of Education should adopt a more lenient method of making available the tremendous facilities that are offered at the high school.

There are many fine organizations in the township with capable and sufficient supervisors to handle youngsters--if the Board of Education would allow the facilities of the school such as the gym--cafeteria--library--to be used more freely.

We feel that if the Board of Education would allow many of the various civic-service and youth organizations liberal use of the facilities available at the high school--the problem of adoption of an expansion program would greatly be reduced--this would probably be the least expensive bit of public relations that the Board of Education could obtain.

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And So It Goes

The death and accident rate on Route 9 continues to grow with each passing day. The State Highway Department should certainly look into the safety factor along this dangerous highway. With summer approaching the problem will certainly increase--there is certainly a definite lack of traffic signals. We wonder why the State Highway Department doesn't show more concern about the matter--Madison Township is certainly getting its share of bad publicity--it seems that everybody and everyone is taking the township to court for one thing or another--the only trouble is that we receive very little favorable publicity--actually the town is a pretty nice place to live--the crime rate is low--we have some real nice areas and we have some that aren't too good but all in all--Madison Township isn't a bad place to live and raise children--we say to some of the critics of Our Town if you don't like it here move--It seems that the move for a Municipal Library got lost along the way someplace so a group is forming to push for the library--what we really believe the township needs more than a library is a new municipal building--at the present time the township offices are spread all over the township--if you want the Township Engineer you have to go to one building--if you want the Township Clerk that's at another building--the Tax Collector is located in one building and the Tax Assessor is in another--if you have business with both of them it is about a three mile ride round trip--we definitely believe that Madison Township should start looking for a new municipal building and that the building should be centrally located--We wonder if some of the residents on Route 9 in the Sayre Woods Development would fix the fences along their back yards which face out on Route 9. Many of the fences have fallen down or are drooping. The entire place looks like something out of a shanty town. Course we realize that many of the fences have been hit by cars running off the road and heavy winds and nature have caused others to fall down but we would think that the area could be improved tremendously if the broken fences were mended or replaced--According to real estate men in the area property and houses in Our Town are increasing in value daily. Houses that were purchased for \$13,000 some ten years ago are now bringing as much as \$18,000 on the open market--We hear that the teachers are not too overjoyed at the Board of Education salary guide--well better days are coming and perhaps next year things will work out better for all concerned--at least we hope so. . .



FEUDING AND FUSSING: Well it looks like the "Rat Fink" investigation finally died out--or perhaps it was exterminated--by someone high in the National G.O.P. The publicity coming out in the newspapers about the various songs that were alleged to have been sung at various gatherings of the so termed "Rat Finks" wasn't doing the Republican Party any good. The G.O.P. was "slammed" in the past presidential election--and if things continue the way they are going--there won't be anything known as a Republican organization.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Township

Road Department having some trouble keeping the township roads free of garbage. The municipal garbage dump is available for use by residents of Madison Township and the Township Sanitation Department will remove practically anything if it is placed at the curb line. The road department cleans up debris and garbage that residents have strewn on some of the back roads in the town only to have to go back and clean it up again. It's a waste of time and energy to clean up some of the roads.

NEW PARTY: Understand that a new political group may be forming in the township. The way we get the story is that all the disgruntled Democrats and Republicans will band together under one party. Perhaps they could use the name of the "Funny Farm Party." Many of these political aspirants couldn't even

run on either the Republican or Democratic Ticket.

MOANING AND GROANING: There was more than just a little bit of moaning and groaning when the Acting Municipal Manager announced that the working hours for the various clerks and office workers at the Municipal Building be increased--without a pay increase. There were groans that some of the workers were going to quit--we happen to agree with the manager. We didn't see anyone that was overworked it's just a matter of proper teamwork.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Things in the police department have quieted down just a little. Understand that a few new appointments will be made. The growth in the township brings greater demands on the police department and the trouble is that it takes a good six months to probably train a police officer. Learning the various roads and areas in the township is a gigantic job in itself. As areas build up with population stores are built in the area to serve the people and of course this adds to the problems of the police department.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION: We understand that the Industrial Commission may have latched on to a large industrial ratable and are only waiting for the company to give them the okay to release the name of the company. We certainly hope that they come up with a large manufacturing plant which would start a trend for the township. It seems strange that with all the land available in Our Township we haven't received our share of the industry--we have water--sewerage and just about anything else but we don't have large industrial ratables.

WATER-WATER: Understand that the water authority intends to construct a new water line on Route 9. This will probably relieve the Madison Park area of any threat of low water pressure in the summer. We certainly hope that they can complete the project before summer comes--if not residents of Madison Park and various garden apartments may suffer a shortage of water and worst, low water pressure. The authority is already drilling for water. We believe that a water storage tank should be built on Route 9.

TAKE FIVE REV. JAMES SILVER Pastor Laurence Harbor Community Church

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

Not long ago I read where a woman in her middle years looked back on her past and said that she had been happy for only three days in her whole life. Her situation is true of a lot of people. Life for them is hectic and unrewarding. It is a ceaseless routine without sparkle or joy. To use a common expression, it's a "grind."

If this is the way you feel, then here is good news. One of the primary reasons for Jesus Christ coming into the world was to rescue us from a life that can only be called dead into one that has real joy. God didn't intend for us a glum and sour-faced existence, and He sent His Son to do something about it. The New Testament promises us a miracle. And by miracle I mean something that is really amazing and wonderful. We are promised the miracle of new birth to peace, contentment and joy, when we stop trying to depend on our own strength and begin to depend on Jesus Christ and the power of God.

Prayer: O God, help us to turn and be changed by thy grace so that we can know the joy Jesus speaks about. Help this to happen, even if we attend church already, for we confess that a lot of us in church don't know joy. Amen.

Form Library Committee In Madison

Representatives of the Madison Township Jaycees, the Public Library of Laurence Harbor and the Women's Clubs of Old Bridge and Laurence Harbor met on March 10 to form a township-wide committee for a free public library. Vincent Rocco of 19 Pine Ave., South Amboy was elected Chairman. The group discussed the need for a centrally

located Free Public Library facility which would utilize the existing privately run libraries and a bookmobile.

The committee is to invite all of the various organizations in the Township to send representatives to its next meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at a place still to be announced.

Teachers Group Lists Goals

The Madison Township Education Association has drafted a list of goals for the teaching profession and those connected with the field of education in Madison Township. A partial listing follows:

1. Increase the number of classes for the disturbed and brain damaged children.
2. Increase the services for the disturbed child.
2. Increased teacher consultation in textbook selection.
4. Increased staff in Remedial Reading and Speech Therapy.

5. More Guidance personnel for elementary schools.
6. Eliminate teacher collections for sales, solicitations and collections involving pupils where specific educational value is not apparent.
7. Raise substitute teacher's salary level to attract competent teachers into our system.

The Madison Township Education Association feels the fulfillment of these goals will contribute greatly to the education system in Madison Township.

Increase Membership

The Madison Township Rifle and Pistol Club has recently increased its membership by the following nine new members: Richard Kaczmarek, Abraham Nazario, Edward Schilke, William Contreras, R. Robert Bresley, John Brand, W. Thomas Kross Jr., John London and Jack London. To date the club numbers 50 sportsmen.

The membership drive is still going on, and there is room for

more interested sportsmen. Anyone wishing information and application blank write to Ed Murawski, Madison Township Rifle and Pistol Club, PO Box 20, Parlin. The club is a 100% membership in the National Rifle Assn.

Squad Report

Captain R. Moser of the Madison Park First Aid Squad reports as of March 20 as follows: Transports 5, Emergency Transports 2, House calls 8, Accidents 8, Fire 6, other (Misc.) 3. Total number of calls 32, total man hours 92 3/4 hours, total mileage, 298 miles, 200 lbs. of oxygen used and the total man hours for squad details 17-1/2 hours.

Completes Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. -- Marine Private Francis L. Sheehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheehan, Sr. of 14 Berkshire Road, Old Bridge, has graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During his eight weeks of intensified recruit training under veteran noncommissioned officer Drill Instructors, he learned small arms marksmanship, bayonet fighting and methods of self-protection. He also received instruction in military drill, history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and other academic subjects.

He is currently undergoing individual combat and basic specialist training at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BECAUSE OF A LEGAL HOLIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY) THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF MADISON TOWNSHIP HAS CHANGED THEIR REGULAR MEETING FROM APRIL 8TH TO APRIL 15TH.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY SCHEDULES AND FIXING THE MANNER OF PAYMENTS OF SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MADISON."

1. Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. There are hereby established schedules of salaries and the manner of payment of such salaries for various officials and employees of the Township of Madison as hereinafter listed:

Manager	\$16,000.00
Director of Finance	8,500.00
Executive Secretary	4,160.00
Municipal Clerk	7,000.00
Township Councilmen	1,400.00
Senior Clerk	4,056.00
Clerk	3,536.00
Assessor	8,000.00
Senior Engineer	12,000.00
Draftsman	6,200.00
Janitors	3,536.00
Director of Welfare	1,500.00
Chief Bldg. Inspector (full time)	8,500.00
Asst. Bldg. Inspector (full time)	7,500.00
Asst. Bldg. Inspector (part time)	1,000.00
Plumbing Inspector (full time)	8,000.00
Plumbing Inspector (part time)	1,000.00
Magistrate	3,600.00
Clerk Municipal Court (part time)	1,500.00
Deputy Clerk Municipal Court (full time)	4,056.00
Violations Clerk	1,000.00
Stenographer (pt. time)	1.50 per hr.
Health Officer (pt. time)	1,500.00
Public Health Nurse	3,600.00
Sanitationist (3 days per week)	3,500.00

Other Public Officials (retainer basis)	
Township Attorney	7,500.00
Attorney for Plan. Brd.	2,500.00
Attorney for Brd. of Adjust.	1,000.00
Attorney for Brd. of Health (fee basis)	
Public Works Admnr.	8,500.00
Foreman	7,800.00
Equipment Operator (2.80 per hr.)	
Truck Driver (2.55 per hr.)	
Laborer (2.25 per hr.)	
Police Chief	9,500.00
Captains	8,900.00
Lieutenants	8,300.00
Sergeants	7,700.00
Patrolman during 1st year of service	5,800.00
Patrolman during 2nd year of service	6,200.00
Patrolman during 3rd year of service	6,650.00
Patrolman during 4th year of service and all years thereafter	7,100.00
Dispatcher	7,100.00
Special Officers (1.25 per hour.)	
School Crossing Guards (1.50 per hour.)	
All police personnel assigned to Detective Bureau on a full time basis shall receive an additional \$200. per year.	
Assistant Plumbing Inspector (full time)	7,500.00
Equipment Mechanic (2.65 pr. hr)	
Zoning Officer (part time)	1,000.00

The foregoing rates shall be retroactive to January 1, 1966.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the foregoing

ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Madison, Middlesex, N.J., held in Townhall, Route #9 on March 21, 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, N. J., to be held in Townhall, Route #9, at 8:00 P.M. on April 4, 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.

Township of Madison Council
Mary M. Brown, Clerk

Shade Tree Sale

The Madison Township Shade Tree Commission has announced the opening of its 1966 Spring tree sale which features three varieties of trees, planted and guaranteed for \$6.95 apiece.

The Commission's offering this year consists of two rapid growing, hardy shade trees, the London Plane (commonly known as Sycamore) and the patented Shademaster Thornless Honeylocust, as well as an attractive ornamental, the double white-flowering "shirofugan" Japanese Cherry tree. The trees will be a minimum of eight to ten feet in height with a 1 to 1-1/4 inch caliper.

As in the past, the sale will be run on a mail-order basis. Orders, including name and address, type and quantity of trees desired, and a check for the exact amount, should be mailed to the Madison Township Shade Tree Commission, P.O. Box 100, Old Bridge, N.J. Orders

close on March 31 and planting will take place in mid-April. Residents are urged to place their orders early because supplies are strictly limited.

The Commission also announced that it will replace, free of charge, any trees planted by the Township since 1963 which failed to survive, except for those trees planted by individual homeowners in the Spring of 1964. Requests for replacements should be made by phoning PA 1-7494.

All planting will be done in accordance with Commission regulations, which state that trees must be planted within the dedicated right-of-way, on the house side of the sidewalk, at least thirty feet from the nearest shade tree.

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G.O.P. Steering Committee Meets

The Republican steering committee met for three hours at McKelvie's Tavern, Laurence Harbor to discuss projects for future consideration of the County Committee. We were able to discover common grounds and to formulate many areas of agreement.

Several projects have been developed which we feel will be acceptable to the county committee when we present our formal report.

Among other things, we are prepared to present to the county committee a firm recommendation that the doors be opened to the press at future county committee meetings, for the purpose of establishing better relations with the press as well as with

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they ousted Business Manager Paul Hermann and fired Tax Collector Thomas English and Township Tax Assessor Frank Viafora.

Viafora was replaced by George Fiore who had served as Tax Assessor under the previous Democratic administration. Both English and Viafora have started legal proceedings in an effort to win back their jobs.

In the 1967 election the three seats that come up for grabs are presently held by members of the G.O.P. Richard Dealy, Donald Tierney and Donald Macrae. Both Tierney and Dealy had split with Borst, so the selection of the G.O.P. municipal chairman is very important.

The feud in the G.O.P. is continuing and it appears that various groups are already forming up sides. Borst has not stated whether he would seek the Municipal chairmanship, but there is no doubt that quite a few of the Republicans will be in "open rebellion" over the chairmanship in the event Borst announces that he won't seek the post.

the rank and file citizenry of the township.

We are pleased and satisfied with the progress we have been able to make in our first session, and consider this the ideal time for great strides in further unification of the Republican Party, since there are no local contests this year and energies can be directed to making our local organization stronger.

The Republican Party has its greatest opportunity to stimulate its membership towards increased participation in party affairs. With imaginative programs and vigorous activity, we can this year advance in many ways our party's goals of good government at lower cost to the taxpayer.

Attends Optometric Congress

Dr. Kenneth B. Brehne, an optometrist practicing in Old Bridge has attended the Eastern States Optometric Congress. This is a three day educational symposium sponsored by the Optometric Extension Program, a post-graduate organization designed to keep dedicated optometrists posted on the newest advances in vision care with emphasis on how vision problems can relate to school performance.

The Eastern States Congress was held this year in New York City on March 27, 28 and 29 with expert lecturers from allied professional fields as well as from within optometry itself. The theme of the Congress was concerned with relating visual measurements to school and job performance.

Those present also attended workshops designed to enhance their skill in various types of visual training procedures in order to better aid those with strabismus (cross-eyes); brain injury, perceptual problems and those with reading problems.

County Rate Set At 50 Percent

It was announced at a special meeting held on March 28, the Middlesex County Board of Taxation determined not to establish a percentage level for Middlesex County as provided by Chapter 51 of the Laws of 1960, as amended.

This determination of the Board was intentional and was made after considerable deliberation.

The percentage level, therefore, to be applied to the true value of real property for the purpose of determining the assessed valuations to be used in levying taxes for the year 1967 in Middlesex County will be, by operation of law, fifty (50%) per cent.

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