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New Lieutenants Named In Madison



RECEIVE PROMOTION: Lieutenants James Adams and Robert Weiss take oath of office from Madison Township Clerk, Mary M. Brown. Assisting in the ceremonies is Robert Weiss, Jr., holding the bible and Madison Township Chief of Police Charles Boice extreme right.

Budget Approved

At a special meeting of the Township Council held at the Municipal Building on Route 9 Wednesday evening the Madison Township Council voted to approve its reduced budget. Budget cuts were announced at the regular budget hearing over 100 persons appeared at the regular meeting to urge that the council reduce its advertised budget.

The budget cuts were readvertised and approved at the special meeting of the council which was called to act on approval of the resubmitted budget.

The tax rate in the Township is expected to be \$7.17 per \$100 of assessed valuation, the local purpose tax \$1.15 or an increase of only eight cents, the school tax \$4.54 up a total of \$ sixty cents the county tax rate is \$1.48 which has increased 12 cents.

The township increased its estimated tax collection rate from 92 percent to 94.5 percent which would account for a reduction in the amount to be raised for uncollected taxes. The township council also increased its anticipated revenue and will appropriate \$200,000 from its "free-balances" or surplus.

Earlier this month the township council lopped off approximately \$700,000 from the Board of Education budget. The Board of Education budget was soundly defeated by a four to one vote. The original Board of Education budget asked for expenditures totaling some TEN MILLION DOLLARS. This was defeated at the polls by the voters, the Board of Education then voted to reduce its original demand for TEN MILLION DOLLARS by only \$250,000. The voters of the township again soundly rejected the Board of Educations second budget proposal. The school budget was then submitted to the Township Council. The council could have ac-

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Fire Report

Chief Gerald Herzog of the Cheesequake Independent Fire Company, Route 34, Cheesequake announced that for the month of February the Fire Company responded to 27 calls for a total of 300 manhours. Among the calls were 20 brush fires, 2 house fires, 1 car accident, 1 assist to a neighboring fire company and three drills.

Herzog also announced that a representative of the Scott Air Pak Company conducted a training Session on the air pack use on March 21.

President Frank Polshonko announced that a drive to obtain new members is now in effect. Any resident of Fire District #2 who is interested may call 727-5511 during daytime hours or 721-3893 during evenings.

Graduates

GREAT LAKES, Ill. - Seaman Apprentice Frederick E. Hoben Jr., USN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Hoben Sr. of Rte. 9, Old Bridge, N.J. has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In the first weeks of his naval service he studied military subjects and lived and worked under conditions similar to those he will encounter on his first ship or at his first shore station.

In making the transition from civilian life to Naval service, he received instruction under veteran Navy petty officers. He studied seamanship, as well as survival techniques, military drill and other subjects.

Scouts Trips

Pack #102, sponsored by Temple Beth Ohr of Old Bridge, will go to The Star Ledger and also to Newark Museum. This trip is for March 23. In April a trip is scheduled to Newark Airport.

A hike and overnight weekend for Webelos is on deck for May. June 9, is the date for the Annual Scout Picnic at Johnson Park. Pack #102 is accepting applications now for boys who will be eight years of age, or who will be in 3rd grade in September. There are limited openings available, so register as early as possible. For information call Evelyn Cantor 254-8017, or Ron Samuel-679-8727.

Food Stamps

Mrs. Evelyn De Hart, director of Welfare of Madison Township announced today that the New Jersey Food Stamp program is to be introduced in Middlesex County as of April 1, 1968.

Representatives of the office, 46 Bayard St., New Brunswick, Supervised by Mr. Sharo of Middlesex County Welfare Department will be at Lawrence Harbor Public Library Wednesday, March 27th from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. to accommodate residents of Lawrence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach Area. The program will be explained and applications taken. Proof of residence will be necessary such as Rent, Mortgage or tax receipts.

Completes Training

(FHTNC) -- Seaman Apprentice Charles J. Koorkal, USN, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Koorkel of 11 Shoreline Ave., has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

In Vietnam

(D0702) CAMP HOOVER, VIETNAM (FHTNC) -- Chief Builder Edward B. Smith, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Jr. of 38 Belmont Ave., Old Bridge, N.J., is serving with U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion Nine at Camp Hoover, Vietnam.

The Seabees provide engineering and construction support for Marine, Naval and other Allied forces in Vietnam.

O.R.T. Week Proclamation



PROCLAIM O.R.T. WEEK: Mayor Leonard Hornster (seated) signs proclamation in regards to O.R.T. Week in Madison Township. Taking part in the ceremonies were (left to right) Mrs. Essie Greenberg, O.R.T. Day Chairlady; Mrs. Dorothy Parker, O.R.T. president and Mrs. Jackie Lappin, Membership Vice President. Mayor Hornster lauded the work that the local chapter of O.R.T. has done in Madison Township and thanked the organization in behalf of the residents of the Township for their gallant efforts.

And So It Goes

Once again the Madison Township Board of Education decided that it knows better than anyone else what the township needs. Now the Board of Education is negotiating directly with the Borough of Matawan---for the installation of a forced main sewerage system---the new main would handle the sewerage for the NEW HIGH SCHOOL presently under construction off Route 516 and another un-named school---the action by the local Board of Education is a "slap in the face" the Samuel Clark, Chairman of the Madison Township Sewerage Authority--Mr. Clark has spent many, long hours diligently working in behalf of the residents of Our Town in the Sanitary Sewer problems in Our Town---we must add that Mr. Clark in all probability knows more about the sanitary sewerage system in Madison Township than any other resident of the Township---the action by the Board of Education is a direct insult to the members of the sewerage authority---once again the Madison Township Board of Education is "off-limits"---the local board has once again shown disregard for other agencies in the Township---construction at the new high school is well underway, with reports that the school will not be ready for occupancy for September 1968---during the recent campaign Mr. Rice and his other running mates claimed that the New High School would be ready for occupancy in September this was only last month---How then can we lose six months in construction in one month---the problem involving the sanitary sewer line was pointed out in the Madison American prior to the passage of the school referendum---we believe that the problem of sanitary sewerage disposal should have been completed prior to the presentation of the school referendum to the voters of Madison Township---once again by deceit the Board of Education sold the residents of Our Town---"a pig in the poke"---the residents of Our Township should insist that the problem of providing proper sanitary sewerage disposal should be handled by the Madison Township Sewerage Authority and that a meeting should be arranged immediately between the Board of Education and the Sewerage Authority to work out the problem---What happens if the Borough of Matawan decides that it will not accept any additional sewerage into their system?--The Board of Education has already shown its wanton disregard of the wishes of the taxpayers---the Board of Education has squandered tax dollars with expensive taste like their new famous "weekend" at Motel on the Mount!---\$1,600 of the taxpayers money was used for this jaunt which was described by one Board of Education member as a "workshop"--We, the people would like to know just how much money is being lavishly spent by the Board of Education? What else does this "free-spending" Board of Education intend to "shove" down the throats of the taxpayers of Our Town?--What other plans do they have for the teaching staff? What other threats do they intend to present to Board of Education employees? Time and time alone will tell the entire story---AND SO IT GOES.

Meeting Held

The members of the Women's Club of Laurence Harbor enjoyed a delightful evening at their last meeting in the Community Church Hall.

Mrs. Lawrence Holden, chairman of International Relations, had charge of the evening's entertainment. Her guest speaker was Mrs. C. Howard Sanborn, New Jersey State past President of the Federated Woman's Clubs. Her topic was Guatemala. Colored movies of this colorful country, with its beautiful flowers and interesting people were shown.

The authentic foreign costumes worn by the department members added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mrs. Holden reported her department has collected one hundred pounds of clothing. Seventeen pounds were sent to South America and the rest to the American Indians.

One hundred and twenty dollars has been collected by the Laurence Harbor Woman's Club for U.N.I.C.E.F. of which Mrs. Holden is chairman. They were aided by the Little Woman's Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other interested friends.

Take Five

"...and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Matthew 16:25

One of the common misunderstandings of the Christian Faith is what has been called 'the "we shall be used by God" trap.' This view says that if we are going to do something, it is up to God to get us moving. If you don't feel any power from God, then you don't do anything. The trouble with this is obvious. It may take a long time before you feel something. In fact you can wait a whole life for the right feeling. It could even be that your ego is playing tricks with you and that this waiting is a sub-conscious excuse to do nothing.

It is God's way to work with us when we get beyond our emotional feelings and get involved in doing what we know is right, even though we are disinclined to do it. A man has to make some decisions and plans for what he is going to do in his church and community, that is, if he is going to be a Christian. He has to do this when it would be easier and more comfortable not to. He has to do this although he doesn't have the right feeling and he isn't completely certain he should do. It is important to make a commitment through an act of the will. It is as you are involved with life that God speaks to you. Then you find power. Then you find your own spirit ministered to. Those who wait for God to do something first usually wait a long time before they do anything.

PRAYER: O Lord, help us to see that our realizing there are problems around us and that something needs to be done is probably God taking the first step to do something through us for the sake of the world.

Amen.

G.O.P. Affair

The Madison Park Republican Club will sponsor its annual Las Vegas Night, April 6, 1968 from 8 P.M. to 1 A.M., at the Madison Park Fire House, Cheesequake Road.

This adult entertainment will provide you and your friends with a fulfilled evening, included in admission, free beer sandwiches, door prizes and game winnings.

Further information can be obtained through Co-Chairman Councilman Don Tierney, and Hal Vorhees.

Tickets available at door or from Mary Ann Wenng. Telephone 721-4128.

With Navy

(FHTNC)--Boilerman Second Class Walter Missel Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Missel Sr. of 58 Margaret St., Old Bridge, N.J., has completed three weeks of operations with "Sea Dragon" forces while serving aboard the destroyer USS Bordelon off the coast of Vietnam.

The Bordelon, operating with the Seventh Fleet, patrolled the coastline to prevent the flow of military supplies from North Vietnam.

In action, the Bordelon and another destroyer rushed to the aid of a Navy helicopter rescuing a downed pilot.

Under The Fence

FEUDING AND FUSSING: Understand that residents in "Lakeridge Heights" will soon open a campaign headquarters for Alabama's favorite son--former Governor George Wallace. Wallace is expected to be running as a "third party" in this years presidential race. The local Democrats are still expected to back LBJ in the Democratic Primary but their are plenty of signs around on various cars--announcing support for Robert Kennedy. The Democratic Primary election in Madison Township which was expected to be a "quiet one"--might turn into a real "donney-brook". Thomas English former Township Tax Collector is still in there talking like a candidate either for G.O.P. Municipal Chairman or a candidate for Township Council in the 1969 election.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations are certainly in order to Lt. Robert Weiss and Lt. James Adams on their recent promotions. This of course will leave a couple of vacancies in the ranks and there will probably be additional space for a couple of sergeants. So you see there is "Time for Sergeants"---we expect that Patrolman Boyd Nash might finally make the grade as sergeant--Nash is one of the oldest members of the uniformed police department. He received his appointment to the police way back in 1956 and has received various citations---well promises, promises, promises---but in all the time no promotion.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: We have received many inquiries as to the total amount of insurance handled by the Board of Education and why the Board of Education doesn't put its insurance out on bid? We really can't answer the questions and we doubt if we could obtain the information from the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools. We do believe that the Board expends thousands of dollars of taxpayers money? We do believe that the Board of Education should put out the insurance on bid? Perhaps the Board of Education could answer the question? Perhaps some member of the Board of Education understands the insurance business or works for a insurance company? We wonder what members are on the finance committee of the Board of Education? Perhaps the attorney general Mr. Sills could answer the questions for the Board of Education?

ROAD DEPARTMENT: With the recent rains the Madison Township Road Department has been very busy---opening up catch basins to alleviate flooding conditions and replacing "black patch" which the heavy rains washed out. "Tatter" Bastedo hopes to put down some permanent roads this year with the approval of the Township Council. The Township Engineer has been completing a list of roads where repairs have to be made. The water drainage problem in the Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach area are one of the major problems for the road department as well as Leone Park.

HAD A BALL: The Friendly Sons really arranged quite an affair for St. Patricks Day celebration held at the Holiday Inn on Route 1, New Brunswick. Over 600 persons attended the affair. Despite the fact that the parade in Newark was called off because of rain--it didn't dampen the spirits or the spirits that flowed. The meal consisting of Corned Beef, Potatoes, and Cabbage was one of the best we've had in a long while. Pat Cassidy local spreader of cheer would be congratulated on his efforts. We believe that everyone attending the affair had a grand time---and everyone was Irish overlooked by many is the fact that March 17th is also known as HUNGARIAN INDEPENDENCE day. hail to the Irish.

Do You Remember???

Four Pictures Below Were Taken By Madison American Photographer Several Years Ago.

If You Remember The Incident and the People Pictured, Please Let Us Know.

Write Correct Answers To Madison American, P.O. Box 131, Laurence Harbor.



BUDGET APPROVED *Continued from Page 1*

cepted the Board of Education proposed budget or could have turned it over to the State Department of Board of Education or according to law the council could reduce the budget. The Council decided to cut the Board of Education budget at a special meeting, the council outlined the various areas for their reductions, the school budget was reduced by almost one million dollars.

Many of the supporters of the Board of Education budget were on hand at the Township Council Budget hearings and asked the council to cut its own local budget, the township council re-acting to the demands of the residents reduced its budget by a considerable amount which reflects in only an eight cent increase in local purpose tax for municipal purposes, most of the increase in the taxes reflects back to the Board of Education.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lavan,
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