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LAURENCE HARBOR, N.J.

FIVE CENTS

Don't Go Near The Water

The cry in Madison Township is "Don't Go Near the Water", according to Nicholas Rice, Madison Township Health Officer the beaches in Madison Township are unsafe for bathing purposes. To add more insult to injury the Duhernal Lake Area in Old Bridge is closed.

In the Cliffwood Beach area the standard plate count was 18,000. At Duhernal the Plate Count was 4800 the Swimming area behind Gerrity's Laurence Harbor was 7,200. The beach front in Laurence Harbor near Hoffman's was only 3400 on the Standard Plate Count.

According to Rice the water samples are taken twice weekly by the Garden State Laboratories of Irvington, N.J. at the request of the local Department of Health.

It is believed that the hot weather has much to do with causing the pollution at the Duhernal, the heat beats down on the vegetation in the lake causing the high bacteria count.

Raritan Bay has been polluted for many years, just prior to World War II, the Laurence Harbor beach front was something to be proud of, complete with board walk and various concessions and rides.

The water was clean and you could see the bottom which was clean sand, fish and crabs were plentiful and bathers, had to share the water area with crabbers.

Raritan Bay once had a thriving oyster fishing industry and back in the days before the Revolutionary War Indians

in the area gathered oysters from the bay, piles of oyster and clam shell are found in various sections of Madison Township.

Some of the pollution certainly comes from the heavy industrialized areas such as Perth Amboy and Woodbridge, there have been reports of oil traces from various tankers that bring in crude oil to the refineries in Perth Amboy and Woodbridge.

Various factories also add to the pollution of Raritan Bay, it was hoped that following the completion of the Middlesex County Sewerage system that the bay would clear up, and for a short period of time fish were returning to the bay. Lately the pollution has continued and is increasing. Madison Township with Federal Funds and State aid completed a shore erosion project along the entire Raritan Bay front in Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach and the Township Recreation Committee operates the swimming areas complete with lifeguards.

Due to the pollution factor that is presently occurring all swimming activities have been called off by the Recreation Committee, it is hoped that heavy rains and a possible high tide will clean up the Laurence Harbor beach front and make it possible to open up the beaches to bathers in the meantime the cry is out "Don't go near the water".

Pet Parade Story Hour

The "PET PARADE" Story Hour and Reading Club is being held every Monday morning during July and August at the Free Public Library of Madison Township located in Laurence Harbor and is being well attended by the young people of the area. The Library is sponsored by The Woman's Club of Laurence Harbor.

The added attraction of live animals loaned by the Keyport Pet Shop on Highway 35, Cliffwood is making the Story Hour a most enjoyable one for the youngsters. Last week rabbits and baby ducks were featured, and the stories and conversation centered on these animals.

This week hamsters, guinea pigs and white mice will be on display. During the summer such

animals as puppies, a monkey, fish, birds, a parrot, a duck and a goose are scheduled to be loaned to the group by the Keyport Pet Shop.

Mrs. James Bergen, president of the Library Board of Trustees, is in charge of the Story Hour, and is being assisted by several teen-agers.

Mrs. George Smith is in charge of the Reading Club. New books have been purchased for use by members of the Reading Club. Children from third grade up are eligible to join the Reading Club. Pre-school children from 4 years of age to the third grade may join the Story Hour.

The Reading Club is held from 10 to 11 A.M., and the Story Hour from 11 to 12 noon, every Monday morning.

With Marines

(K0482) VIETNAM (FHTNC) - Marine Lance Corporal Arne K. Engedal of Cottrell Road, Matawan, N. J., is serving with the Third Battalion, Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division in Vietnam.

As a member of the battalion he helps capture or destroy enemy forces. He accomplishes this through weapons fire, tactical maneuvering and both large and small scale operations.

His unit is also engaged in a civic action program designed to assist the Vietnamese people in completing self-help projects. Such as the building of wells, culverts, small bridges and schools. Equipment and materials are made available through the Marine Corps Reserve Civic Action Fund.

Examination Set

NEWARK, N.J.--The Internal Revenue Service Special Enrollment Examination will be given on Thursday and Friday, September 26 and 27, rather than on September 25 and 26 as previously announced.

This examination must be passed by tax practitioners who are not attorneys or Certified Public Accountants before they are allowed to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

Applications are available in Room 103 of the Federal Office Building at 970 Broad Street in Newark. Mail requests should be sent to the Special Enrollment Clerk, P.O. Box 60, Newark, N.J. 07101.

Completed applications, accompanied by a check or money order for \$25 payable to the Internal Revenue Service, should be

mailed to the Director, Audit Division, IRS, 1111 Constitution Ave. Washington, D.C. 20224, by August 31.

The examination will be given in the Federal Office Building at 970 Broad Street in Newark.

Donation Made

A copy of an 1850 map of Middlesex County was donated to the Historical Society of Madison Township by Fred Kurtz, former Madison Township Engineer. This map shows the blacksmith shops, grist mills, schools, churches, post offices, merchants, and the locations of the homes of old families in the area.

A committee composed of Mrs. Ebner Martin, President of the Society, Mrs. Nelson Smith, Mrs. John Low and Mrs. Herbert Gaub will use this map to help locate the old homes in Madison Township.

Rummage Sale

Mrs. Ebner Martin, president of the Madison Township Historical Society reports that during the month of June 357 students toured the Historical Museum on Route 516 on class trips.

She stated that members of the Society are continuing to save S & H stamps and Betty Crocker coupons to obtain needed office equipment.

A safe in which to keep the Society's valuable papers was donated by Henry Vreeland.

Plans are being made for a rummage sale to be held on Sept. 20th. Mrs. John Low, Ways and Means Chairman, is in charge of this project.

Mrs. Martin stated that plans are also being made for a dinner at Bucky Smith's in October. No definite date for this event has yet been set.

Gun Control Bill Is A Threat To Our Freedom

The strong gun bill imposes a threat upon the right of the American Citizen to own and bear arms to protect his property. He must always be on the alert and watchful for invasion by an alien power and especially for alien elements within our own United States.

Taking the rifle, pistol, and shotgun away from our decent and honorable citizens, who as sportsmen, use these weapons for target and hunting, is in direct violation of our constitution. These controls tend to put the people of the United States in the greatest jeopardy of losing their freedom than at any other time in the history of our government.

The people with criminal tendencies can always obtain weapons for their purposes, whether it be through stealing or the black market.

Confiscation of all guns will very possibly soon become mandatory, and only the law enforcement officers and specially privileged will be able to lawfully possess arms. Therefore, a new gun law should be proposed that does not infringe upon the rights of the decent citizen and sportsman, yet preventing the criminally inclined person from obtaining firearms.

One by one our freedoms are being taken away from us.

I urge you to write your Senator or Congressman at once; protesting the passage of the Gun Control Bill.

Welcome Back

That popular organ player Art Sivilla has returned to the Middlesex-Monmouth area after an extended tour in Europe.

Art, who really knows how to tickle those keys, and makes an organ sound like a 76 piece orchestra, played before many of the remaining royalty in his European tour was hailed as a complete success.

Mr. Sivilla is now currently playing at the Mill House on Route 35, Middletown, N. J. on a Rodgers organ, it is one of the largest organs in the immediate area and cost in the neighborhood of some \$80,000. Why not stop in and listen for a spell, while Art weaves his magic fingers over this beautiful instrument.

And So It Goes

This reporter had more than just a "chuckle" when one of the big time newspapers serving the Madison Township area had a story about the Sayreville Municipal Dump --- it was quite interesting --- the Mayor of "Petty Coat Junction" Mrs. Peggy Kerr --- must certainly have had a "red face" as a result of the story appearing in the paper --- it was Mrs. Kerr and the Sayreville Board of Health that was disturbed by the "land-fill operation" in Our Town --- the land-fill operation has one of the highest ratings in the State --- it doesn't seem that way with the Sayreville Municipal Dump --- what's the saying "people that live in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks" --- maybe the entire story complete with "posed" pictures of the Madison Township landfill operation was merely a "smoke screen" for something else that is going on in "Petty Coat Junction" --- maybe Mrs. Kerr should spend a little more time in her own community without worrying about her next door neighbors --- Here in Madison Township we have many problems but they should concern the residents of Madison Township not Mrs. Kerr --- we believe that if she would just look around in her own community she'd be able to find enough problems in Sayreville without bothering Madison Township --- We agree with Board of Education member Richard Pine he spoke out at a recent Board of Education meeting "We're ordinary people in Madison Township, we don't need plush Wall Street accommodations" Pine's remarks came when the "minority" members of the Board protested the purchase of three "custom" made tables for \$795 and 12 walnut swivel chairs for \$1,629 --- We certainly can realize the need for tables and we grant you you need chairs but we can't see spending a little over \$135 a piece for chairs --- that's quite a bit of chair --- maybe that's one of the problems that the chairs are "plushy" and some of the administrators and assistant administrators don't get off their "duffs" --- we can't really appreciate the "educational" value of a \$135 swivel chair but that's only par for the course --- the Board of Education spends money like a sailor just off the ship after six months on a 24 hour pass --- we still haven't forgotten the expensive weekend at "Motel on the Mount" --- we're still waiting for someone or somebody from the Attorney Generals office to contact us --- we have lots of pictures and lots of other interesting items that we'd like to turn over to someone other than the Board of Education to burn --- AND SO IT GOES-----

Power Squadron Takes To Seas

Pleasure boating enthusiasts are busier than ever, launching boats and fitting them out for summer cruising or sailing. Likewise, local skippers of the Northern New Jersey Power Squadron have been organizing their most important nautical event of the year, the Annual Cruise to the Chesapeake Bay area. This unique fleet of 20 or more boats is under the command of Fleet Captain Jack Hammell, of Belleville, N.J. The Cruise began at 0900, Sunday morning, 14 July, when

the fleet weighed anchor and sailed down Barnegat Bay to Atlantic City.

The boats passed in review to salute their newly elected Commander, Samuel Friedenberg, of Irvington. The various craft range from 22' to 46' in length and fly the appropriate U.S. Flag, U.S. Power Squadron and Yacht Ensigns. Aboard are a grand total of 67 persons.

A few of the cleverly named boats include: Aspasia II, El Mareen, Chappie II, Harem V, Lady Love, Star-O and Tsotska.

Take It Easy To Beat the Heat

The advent of summer brings a vacation - with - paygleam to the eye of millions of Americans. And a word of advice from the County Heart Association: Remember, you may be on vacation, but your heart doesn't get one.

That splendid organ was designed to work without a layoff. But the temptation is to make abnormal demands on it at just the time it has to work harder to keep you cool in heat and high humidity, the Association points out.

Your heart will sustain you in added activity only if you have trained it to do so gradually. Don't be a week-end athlete, or a two - week - on - end activist. Especially if you are near in middle-age and have led a fire-side existence.

Sedentary individuals, especially those who are consistent cigarette smokers, appear to be especially prone to lethal heart attacks, the Union County Heart Association notes.

You may be eager to squeeze the maximum out of your free time and money, but don't plunge into activities, particularly on that first trip to the beach. The water may be colder than you think, and sudden, extreme changes of temperature can affect even the healthy heart.

Moderation is the key in everything. Follow a nutritious diet, but don't overeat. Instead of rich, fatty foods, eat fish, chicken, turkey, lean meats, vegetables, fruit, skimmed milk, cheeses made with skimmed milk, and margarine and shortenings with polyunsaturated vegetable oils. These are light, digestible, and the basis for a diet low in cholesterol and saturated fats, which promotes better health the year round.

Keep mentally cool, too. Avoid stress that can be magnified in hot weather.

If you are involved in home repair projects--stretch them out. Driving? Take frequent rest stops. Don't get overtired. Wear loose-fitting clothes for better air circulation; garments of a light color allow heat rays to bounce off. Drink plenty of fluids, but do go easy on iced liquids. Often they have the effect of making you feel hotter.

Of course, if you are a heart patient, you should seek your doctor's advice before planning a vacation. For all others, the foregoing advice boils down to this--if you use your head, you will be helping your heart.

Handbook Of Labor Statistics Issued

The HANDBOOK OF LABOR STATISTICS 1968 is intended for labor leaders, businessmen, researchers, teachers, students, and the general public.

The book contains 152 tables covering historic as well as current developments in fields such as manpower, compensation, productivity, prices, cost of living, and industrial relations.

The 1968 edition has 350 pages. It is available for \$2.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402

Under The Fence

FEUDING AND FUSSING: Well it appears that the feud in the G.O.P. is continuing --- seems that Mr. Bush the G.O.P. Municipal Chairman has decided to take the "bull by the horns" --- Bush if you remember came out against the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes and further stated that the Republican members on the Township Council would vote against it --- lo and behold when the votes were counted two of the G.O.P. members voted in favor of the change. Now Bush has called in for help from various Republicans in the area and various clubs in an effort to make the two G.O.P. councilman vote along his thinking "Lot's of Luck". INVESTIGATION: The Grand Jury has been calling various members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment up to tell their stories about the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Some reports have it that the Grand Jury is interested in details going back some four years ago there has been no other reports and no official comment from anyone on the Zoning Board of Adjustment in reference to the "alleged" bribe. Some say that Alfred McCullough a Republican and secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment was "axed" because he is a Republican and blame a Democratic Plot to discredit Republicans in next years election. Seems back a couple years ago the G.O.P. also cried the same tears when one of their candidates resigned following stories that he was up before a Federal Indictment. We still would like to see the entire record before we say anything about Mr. McCullough --- he will have his day in court to disprove the alleged charges. We don't think that anyone in Madison Township would bother anyone just because they were Republican --- who knows what evil lurks in the heart of man -- The Shadow knows -- but he's not talking.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: "Tatter" Bastedo and his Road Department gang busily repairing various roads in Madison Township ran into a "hornet's nest" of women who wanted to take their youngsters to the Birch Hill Swim Club during the hot weather. "Tatter" had closed off one of the roads leading to the popular swimming area and many of the ladies didn't exactly act like "ladies". "Tatter" claims that he heard some "cuss words" that even he didn't know before.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Madison Township Police Department police patrol cars should have "Scott Packs" in the vehicles and all officers in the police department should be trained in the use of the "Scott Packs" in the event that they should happen to arrive at the scene of a fire prior to the fire department --- they could then enter a house which was on fire with less risk. How about it Chief Boice? We wonder when Sgt. Boyd Nash will ever get promoted?

FOGGING: The Madison Township Board of Health urges that mothers please keep the youngsters off the street when the "fogging" equipment passes by the "smoke" from the machine hinders visibility and the youngsters take great delight in riding their "bikes" in and out of the fog. Somebody is going to get hurt. Please don't follow the mosquito fogging machine when it is in operation. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION: We wonder what ever happened to the big plans for an Industrial Park that was scheduled to be built off Route 9 in the center of the Town. The way we get the story various ordinances were approved to vacate several paper streets but we haven't seen anything yet about building or in fact even clearing off the land --- it appears that someone or somebody was pulling someone's leg????

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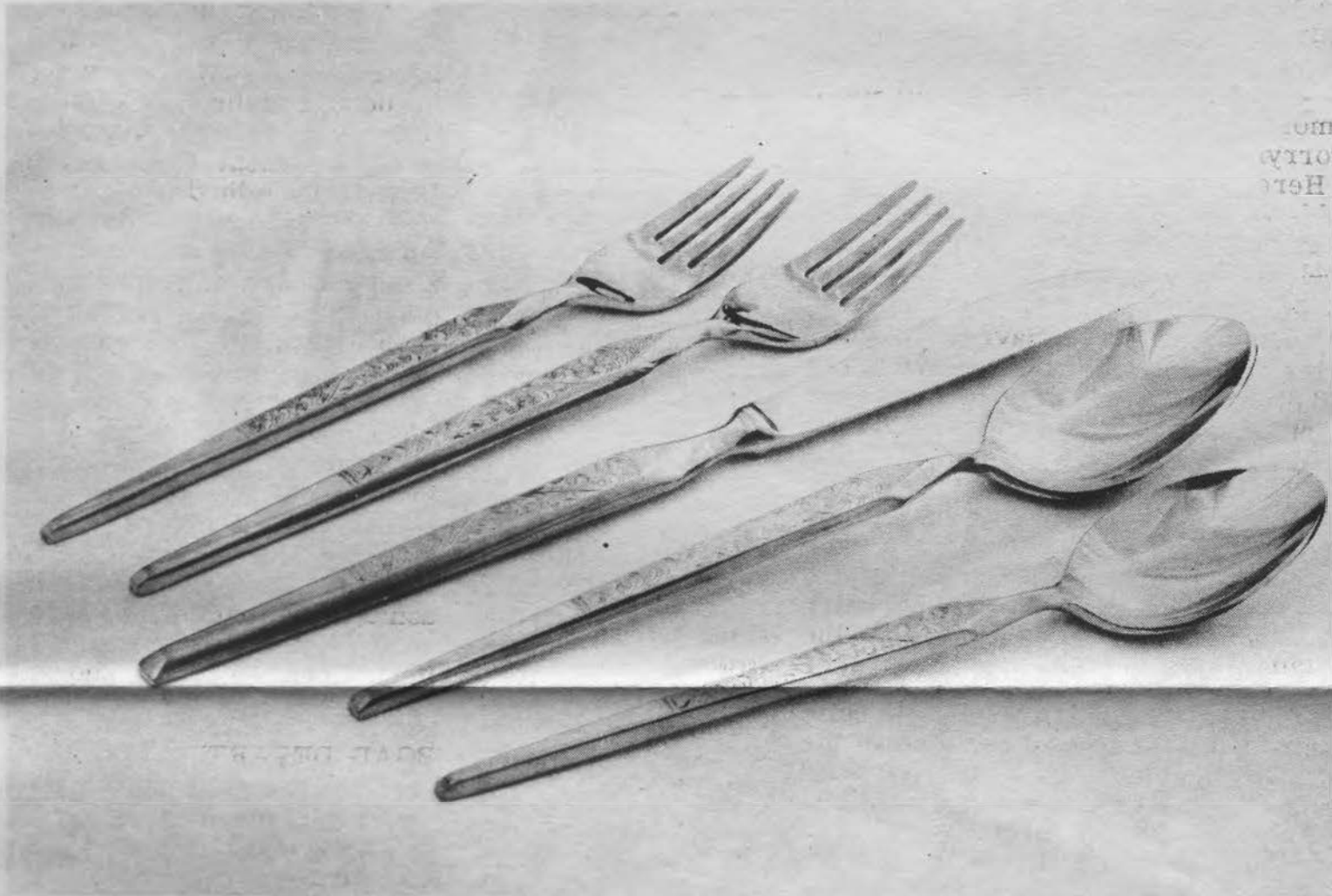
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(Z0073) USS ANNAPOLIS (AG-MR-1) at sea (FHTNC) -- Electronics Technician Second Class Robert W. Skok, USNR, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace T. Skok of 10 Brookside Ave., of Old Bridge, N. J. is providing communication support to the U.S. Seventh Fleet while serv-

ing aboard the major communication relay ship USS Annapolis. He helps to supplement shore-based communication stations and to provide a voice for command in remote corners of the world where communication facilities are inadequate or have never existed. Unlike most U.S. Naval ships, Annapolis is a non-rotating unit.

The ship does not go back to the U.S., instead, the crew is rotated on an annual basis.

Car Wash

The Emerald Lancers will hold a Car Wash Program for two Saturdays only, July 27th and August 3rd at the following Phillips "66" Gas Stations from

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

At the Arbors on Route 9, Cindy Street and Route 9 and North Place on Route 516.

The price is only \$1.00 and proceeds will go into the general fund.

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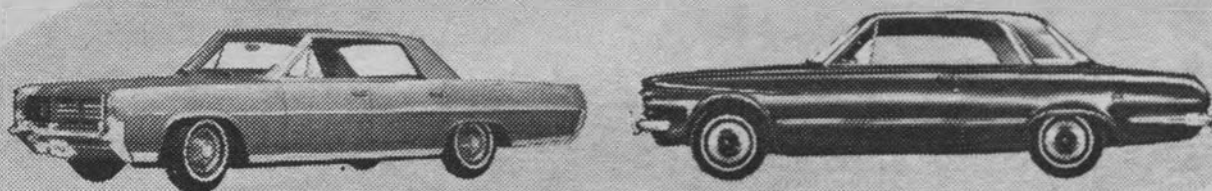
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