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FIVE CENTS

School Director Resigns In Fund Dispute

Richard Pine, Public Relations Chairman of the Madison Township Board of Education, announced that there are 12,174 students in the Madison Township School System and attacked board members William S.

Rice, Mrs. Carol Kosobucki and Edward Gardner for figuring that there would be 12,514 students in the township school.

Pine, Cotter, Litowsky and Robinson took issue with this "inflated" figure when it was pro-

posed by Rice, Kosobucki and Gardner last January. Pine, Cotter, Litowsky and Robinson's projection of students was several hundreds lower than the 12,514. And this proved out by the official release of the 12,174

number of children who actually attended the schools of Madison Township.

Rice, Kosobucki and Gardner predicted 340 more students than there are and Pine said that because of this overestimate on the part of Rice's faction that the school budget which went down to defeat by the voters twice last February, was inflated by \$340,000. Pine said that the township spends \$1,000 per pupil annually.

"Rice and Frederick Cloclough attacked us for our lower estimates of enrollment," Pine said. "We are pleased that our lower projections led to this savings of \$340,000.

Pine also claimed that in 1968 the Rice, Kosobucki and Gardner faction projected 700 more pupils than there actually were in the township schools.

"What happened with the \$700,000 which was added to that also inflated budget for these phantom pupils?" Pine said he and other members of his faction asked Rice, Kosobucki and Gardner. "They have never replied," Pine said.

Pine said that elementary school enrollment is 6,314; middle school students number 2,753; high school students number 2,965 and there are 142 pupils classed as special students.

The two new middle schools have not been open yet and Pine's figures were for those students who will be switched from other schools to the middle schools, when they open.

In another flurry at this week's Board of Education meeting Evelyn Ogden, director of federal funds for the school system, resigned. Her resignation came in the wake of a series of blasts by Board of Education Vice President Sidney Litowsky who charged that board members William S. Rice, Carol Kosobucki and Edward Gardner, lied to him and other board members when they claimed that the federal government would pay some 50% of the cost of equipping the two planetariums which are now under construction at the two new middle schools. Litowsky called on Rice, Mrs. Kosobucki and Gardner to resign from the board for this grave misrepresentation.

Federal funds have been approved but to what amount is still unknown. Experienced followers of these grants doubt very much that the full 50% will ever be granted. Some people feel that it might dwindle down to a mere 5% or 10%, which is considerably less than 50% and the taxpayers of Madison will once more be forced to foot the bill for these unnecessary planetariums and the folly of the former board majority of Rice, Kosobucki, Gardner, Mrs. White and Bates, who plunged this town into the dire straits it now finds itself in by wasteful spending over the past few years.

Board President William S.P. Cotter told the audience at the

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Meyner Opens Meyner Headquarters



GRAND OPENING: Robert Meyner the Democratic Candidate for New Jersey Governor cut ribbon marking the official opening of Citizens For Meyner Headquarters at the Rellim Professional Building on Rellim Drive and Throckmorton Lane. (left to right) Joseph Pandozzi, Chairman, Freeholder John A. Phillips; Madison Township Board of Education attorney Harold G. Smith and Governor Meyner. Over two hundred residents attended the affair which feature music provided by the Manville Chargers. Following the opening refreshments were served and a motorcade of over thirty cars escorted the candidate to the Brunswick Inn complete with band. (Madison American Photo)

Name School Transportation Head

Clarence Hauser, a long time resident of Ticetown Road in Old Bridge, was appointed transportation director of the Madison Township School System in a unanimous vote at this week's Board of Education meeting.

Hauser has replaced Earl Rapp, who held the job for over two years and resigned effective October 20. Hauser is the father of three children, two boys and a girl and resides at the Ticetown Road address with his wife, Marie.

Prior to his new position,



Clarence Hauser

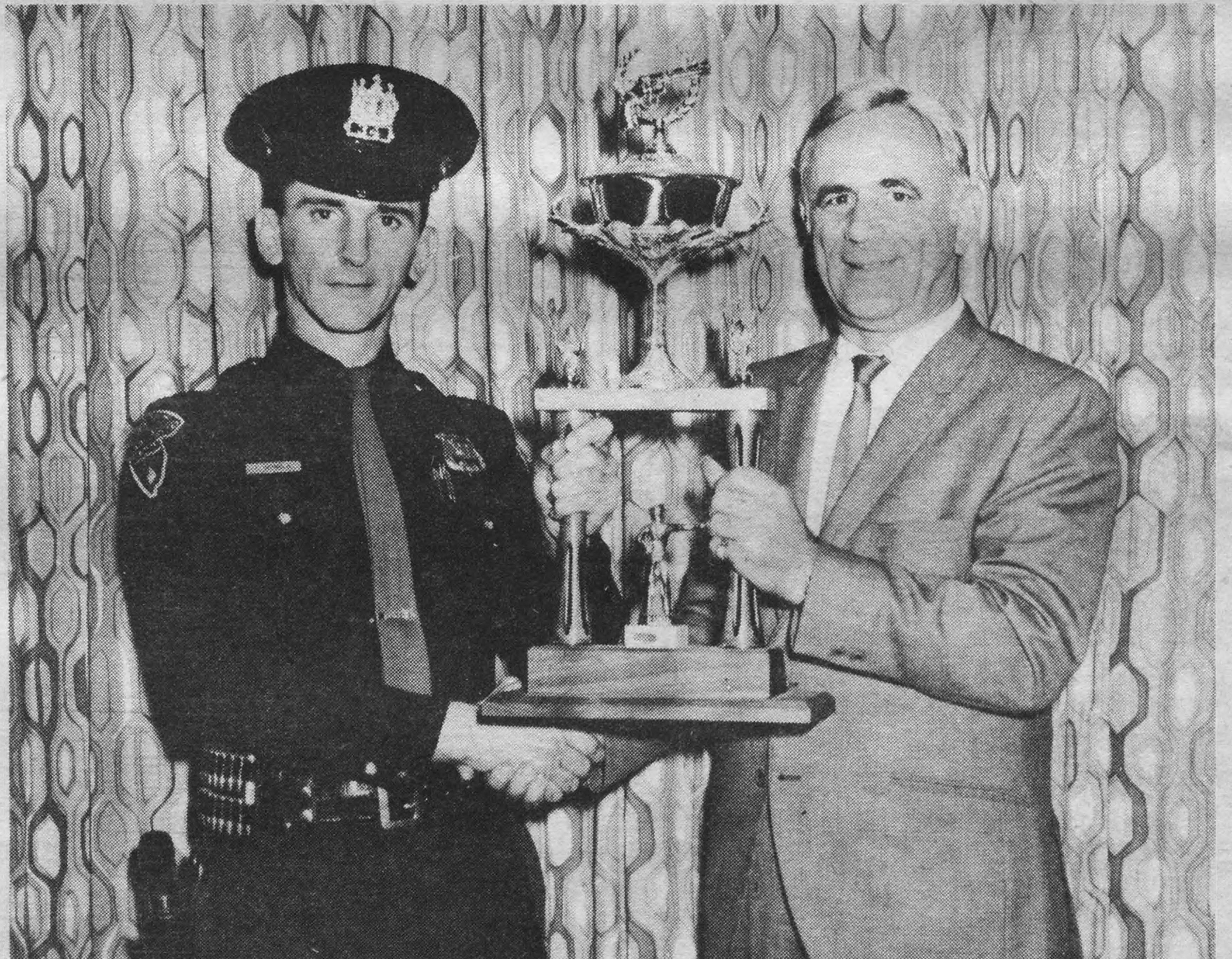
Hauser worked for the Board of Education as a bus driver and was a school bus contractor for many years. He graduated from Matawan High School and attended Monmouth College. His knowledge of Madison Township, its neighborhoods, roads -- new and old -- the geography of this sprawling municipality of 42 square miles, is beyond compare.

In discussing Hauser's qualifications at the meeting, Charles Eisenberger, the new board member said, "Clarence Hauser is a man we can trust." This echoed the sentiments of the other eight members of the board. In his years of service to the local school system he was always ready to aid in an emergency and did so many, many times. "his was always a helping hand, Clarence Hauser would never let you down," another board member stated.

If a little league team or any other youth organization needed a bus to make a trip to a close or far off place, Hauser would always donate his bus and his

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Pistol Award Presented To Spinola



PRESENTATION: Council Candidate and President of Sayreville Motors, Robert "Jack" Sapir (right) presents Patrolman Charles Spinola (left) the award for 1st place Individual High Score. Lt. Robert Victor "Harvey" Weiss had the winning team. Patrolman Spinola shot a perfect score of 100 in the 12th Annual Inter-Department Tournament. Competition was open to all Madison Township Police Officers (Madison American Photo)

And So It Goes

Winston Churchill, that grand old man, would probably have turned over in his grave if he could see his world famous V-For -Victory sign being used by the so called "peace demonstrations," he would have bit off the end of his cigar. It was heart warming indeed to see the American Flag flying at full mast over Our Town Hall. It was heart warming indeed to see the large number of drivers that turned on their lights in Our Town --to support Our President Richard Nixon--whether we are Republicans or Democrats--he is Our President of Our Country and some 500,000 so-called Americans disgraced the president of the United States and Our Great Nation by attending these so-called "war protests. The majority of the 500,000 were draft-age or pre-draft age--what are we raising a bunch of cowards--We feel that the people taking part in the demonstrations did Our Nation a great dis-service and are traitors to Our Country and provided the Communists with aid and comfort during time of war--if you were in the military service this could mean execution--dishonorable discharge--Where were all these so called "peace demonstrators" when the Russians came in and "flattened" Czechoslovakia?...Protesting? Were these modern day Benedict Arnold's at the mass grave side where the mutilated bodies of 200 women and children were discovered killed by their allies in North Vietnam--we hear terms banded around by these young maniacs--self-expression- individuals--freedom to self express--to become the exception--catalyze--the next step in this age of innovation will be the burning of the books that don't agree with their expressions--blaming the jews for world disorders--down with the church--Nothing new--the only thing lacking were the uniforms of the Bund and Nazi Storm Trooper--this is how it started in Germany in the early 1930's--history is repeating. The military know how to win in Vietnam--bomb the north--bomb the dams to release billions of gallons of water flooding the rice fields--blockade the harbors where tons of military supplies are being unloaded daily. We are at war with the communist countries and have been so since the 1930's--Vietnam is just a continuation of the war. Students didn't need to take a day off to pray for peace--pray on Sundays--pray daily. Pray for Our Nation--Pray for Our President and by all means pray for yourself--you poor unfortunate fools--before too late you learn that you have been lied to, cheated to and led to disgrace. AND SO IT GOES.

Under The Fence

FEUDING AND FUSSING: Rumors are flying rampant that one of the G.O.P. candidates will made a break from the rest of his team. Top G.O.P. supporters are worried about the telephone calls being made in behalf of Richard Weeng and Richard Cooper--they don't mention support for Tom English and Bernard Fuhman. Some claim that Democratic workers are making the telephone calls urging only the election of Weeng and Cooper--not so say the Democrats. Under-ground word has it that Macrae is being dumped in Lakeridge and Lakeridge West despite denials of the G.O.P. Brass. Democrats are having their own private war- who has the most workers. Many feel that candidates wives in the Democratic Party should take a vacation during election time and everything would run s-m0o0o-t-h-l-y.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: For shame! At the recent Testimonial Dinner for Councilman Victor O'Brien and Mayor Spyros Columbus only two policemen were present at the affair. Councilman Victor O'Brien has always been a staunch supporter of the police department, with pay increases - shorter working hours, more vacation time and a million and one other little items. They seem to forget that O'Brien isn't moving out of the country and in fact may be appointed to a position that could really benefit the policeman--after that miserable showing the affair was strictly non-political--the meal, dancing and entertainment was well worth the \$5.00 admission. Councilman Harry Messenger really did a fine job arranging the affair.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Don't be too upset but rumor has it that a couple of more top-admin-

istrators will soon resign from their posts--investigations of other departments are underway and as they say on Laugh-In "V-e-r-y i-n-t-e-r-e-s-t-i-n-g." Former Superintendent of Schools Joseph Brust and Board of Education member William Rice and former Board member Lindlenly Higgins should be in line for the "Fickle-Finger of Fate Award" because they sure gave it to the poor Madison Township Taxpayer. Would you like to try for re-election again "has been -- or is it "been had"?

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Somebody has been "stealing" Democratic Campaign signs or so some Democrats have been claiming. Now who would really want Democratic Campaign Signs? Certainly not the Republicans--maybe somebody in the Old Bridge area is collecting them for a Primary Election in 1970. You could put a sign right inside the voting booth and if the people aren't going to vote for you they just won't vote for you its simple as that.

G.O.P. Candidates Hit Dems

Denouncing the present Township Administration as "a cynical Democrat attack upon every concept of professionalism in government," the four Republican council candidates renewed their criticism of the Democrat council majority's "arrogant substitution of partisan patronage for the professional administrative approach which has characterized other administrations."

Richard Wenng, Richard Cooper, Thomas English and Bernard Fuhman said today that most of the township's current fiscal woes could be traced to "a lack of professionalism characteristic of Democrat government in Madison Township."

As evidence for their contention, they cited a \$382,000 overpayment made by the township

to the board of education two years ago which resulted in a tax increase for homeowners in the township. They also pointed to a municipal purposes tax rate which has more than doubled since the Democrat Party took control of township government.

Discussing the Democrat council majority's abrupt dismissal of municipal manager Paul H. Hermann in 1966, shortly after taking control of the council, the GOP hopefuls said, "the entire tone of the administration

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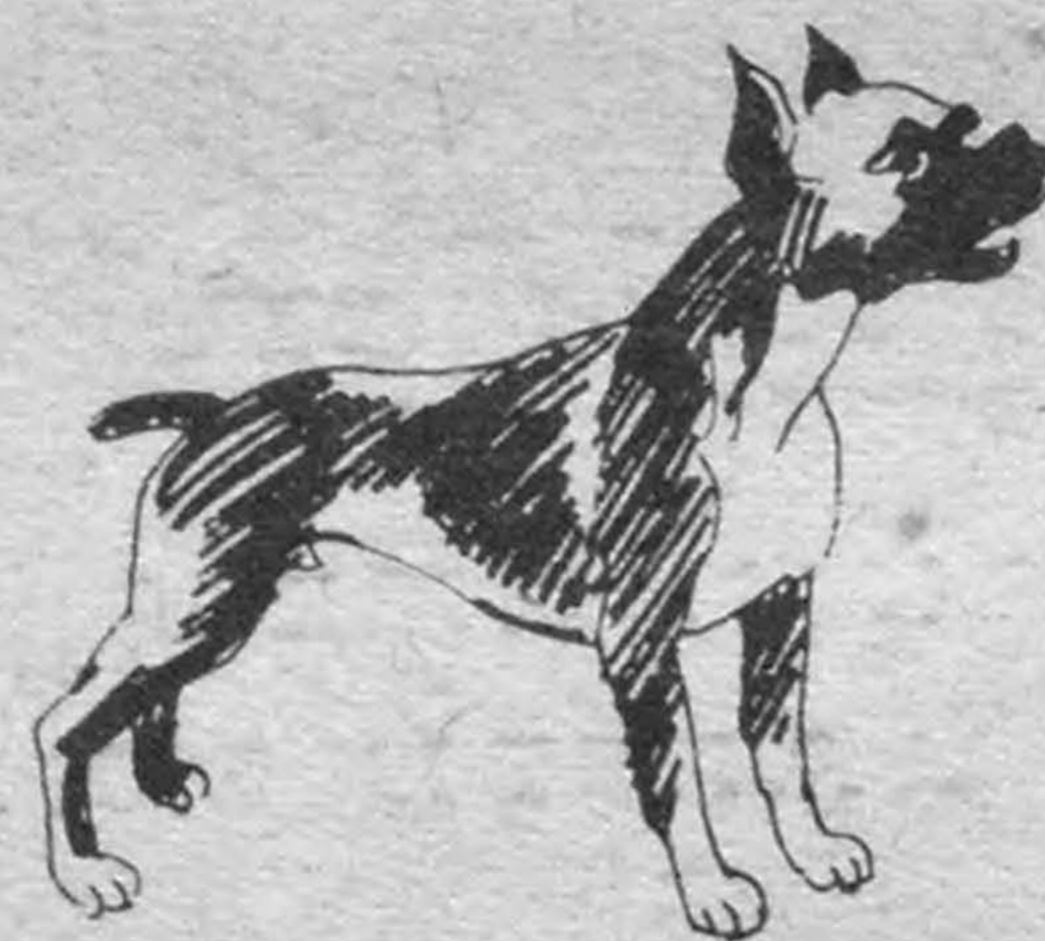
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has taken a down-hill course since that partisan and outrageous move."

Hermann was fired in a party line 4-3 council vote in January 1966, following his public statement that, "I find it impossible to reconcile myself to submit to demands to replace my staff for political reasons alone."

Wennig, Cooper, English and Fuhrman continued, "The current council majority not only dismissed the township's professional city manager, but they also proceeded to overturn completely the personnel at town hall until no trace of past professionalism remained."

"And their attitude has clearly not changed, since eye now they are hungrily eyeing the post of water authority executive director Kenneth H. Banks, no doubt casting lots to see which Democrat councilman will be the lucky man."

"This musical chairs approach to personnel smacks of the cold,

big-city patronage concept which has made Democrat municipal government a scandal across the nation.

"Can the taxpayers of this community permit the town that situation to degenerate still further? or is it now time to open the doors and windows to let in some fresh air and clean government?"

"It was the Republican party which first brought professionalism to our community with the introduction of such things as a full-time engineer, full-time health officials, full-time building and plumbing inspectors, a full-time summer recreation director, personnel codes, and a host of other business-like innovations."

"After four years in office to build upon that record, this cynical Democrat majority has brought us stagnation, special interest legislation and soaring taxes," Wennig, Cooper, English and Fuhrman concluded.

TRANSPORTATION HEAD

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service without charge.

His job as transportation director will not be an easy one. The complexities of the position in planning routes and other difficult phases of the office entail great responsibility but all nine board members have faith in his ability to revamp the present system and keep it functioning properly.

Rapp, who would have come under tenure shortly decided to resign on the heels of a Board of Education investigation headed by Board Member Edward Robinson recently which disclosed many discrepancies in the operation of the transportation of local school children.

Robinson's committee unearthed double routes, discrepancies in awarding bus routes

to outside contractors and many other practices of inefficiencies. The investigation has saved the taxpayers of Madison Township much money.

It is reported that a move is afoot by a group of citizens for a Grand Jury investigation of the past local school transportation operation.

Old timers in Madison can remember when a step like this was taken in the mid-1950's when the Grand Jury launched an investigation on local school practices.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS

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meeting that "We were lied to." Cotter and Litowsky referred to the fact that funds were only available for upgrading old and existing schools and not for new construction like the planetariums. This claim was substantiated by a letter from a New Jersey State Department of Education assistant commissioner who plainly stated that funds were available only for old buildings and not new buildings like the planetariums.

"Dem-Debs" At O'Brien-Columbus Testimonial



"DEM-DEBS": - The capacity crowd at the testimonial dinner held at St. Bernadettes Hall to honor Councilman Victor O'Brien and Mayor Spyros Columbus were entertained by the "Dem-Debs". The group have been attending many of the Democratic Rally's and functions passing out literature and entertaining. Not "Dem-Debs" but in the picture in back row are the popular William Cotter, President of the Board of Education; John Phillips, Middlesex County Freeholder and Harry Messenger, Democratic Municipal Chairman and long-time running mate of Victor O'Brien. Messenger was the toastmaster at the affair honoring O'Brien and Columbus who did not choose to run for re-election this. (Madison American Photo)

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