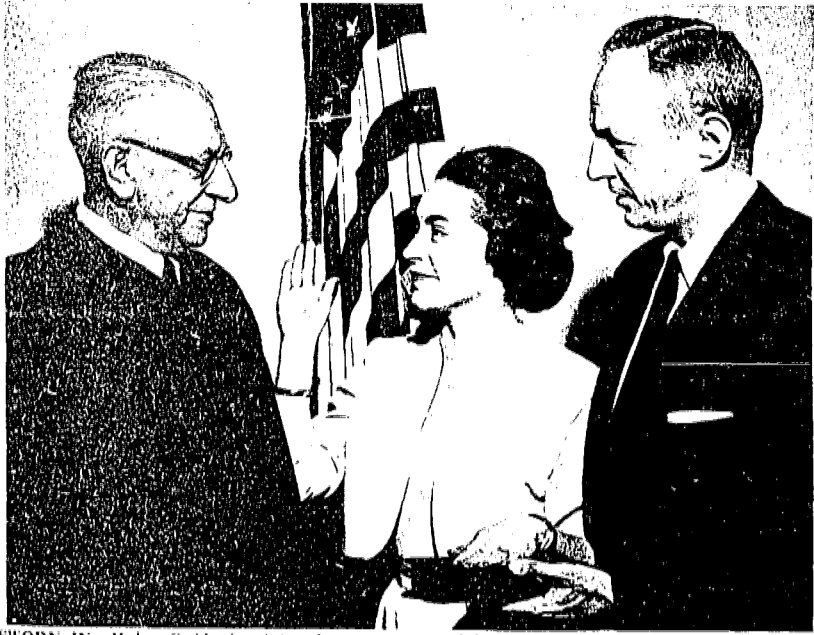


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SWORN IN--Helen Reidy is pictured on January 2nd being sworn in as Scotch Plains Township clerk. Miss Reidy now has tenure. From left to right; Magistrate George Jackson, Miss Reidy, Edward Paterson, out-going Mayor. (photo Fred Keesling)

A Look At The Record

We are in that time of the year in which we evaluate our efforts of the previous year and plot our course for the new one. A look at the Scotch Plains record shows that municipal expenses went down from 23.8% of the township costs in 1961 to 22.0% of the tax rate in 1962. This is an appreciable drop and our congratulations go to the Township Committee.

Budget is Major Factor

The record shows that the school budget was once again the principal factor on the tax rate. It was heavier this year than it was in 1961, climbing from 62.5% of the township costs in 1961 to 64.2% in 1962. Can you imagine what the cost would be if we did not have St. Bartholomew's parochial school and the new Scotch Plains Regional High school relieving some of the pupil load?

Costs Must Increase

The greater need for a better educated American makes it understandable that school costs should increase. However the greater cost involved in education also makes it more important that more of the citizens of the community be given an opportunity to express themselves when it is time to vote on the budget. Under current regulations many citizens miss a chance to vote for or against school appropriations.

Four Stars To Police Department

The record of the Police Department, which traveled 131,571 miles in its quest of providing the community with expert police protection, deserves special note. Our Police Department has been doing an excellent job in enforcing the law in Scotch Plains. When you consider the relatively small size of the department and the gigantic task they have -- more than 70 miles of streets to patrol -- you realize the type of protection they are providing for their community.

Plains P-TA Council

Plans Candidates Night

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Council of Public School Parent-Teacher Associations will sponsor a "candidates night" for the presentation of all candidates for the February Board of Education election. Dr. Herbert Samenfeld, chairman of the planning committee has announced that candidates night will be held January 30, at 8:15 PM in the high school auditorium.

Nine residents have filed petitions to run for election to the nine vacancies on the Board of Education. All nine seats become vacant this year due to the regionalization of the school system. The election will be held February 5.

The candidates, each of whom has been asked to speak briefly at candidates night are: William A. Waskow, John E. Runnells, Jr., Richard Bechtolt, Robert R. Risher, Jr., William Kriz, John Lawson, all of Scotch Plains. The Fanwood candidates are: Robert L. Cochran, Lawrence Andrews and Edward L. Bell. Prior to this year the PTA of each school has sponsored its own candidates night. The committee assisting Dr. Samenfeld

in planning for the community-wide presentation include: Mrs. J.N. Hoppe, Muir school; Mrs. N.F. Tjaden, Evergreen; Henry Kohlenberger, LaGrande; Paul Skiba, Schackamaxon; Wayne Knouse, Junior High; and William Burke, Senior High School.

Jr. Women To See Wigs

The vogue in hair fashion today is wigs in a variety of colors. It will be most interesting to see how a new head piece can change your appearance and lift your spirits. This will be the program January 7th at 8:30 PM at Color 'N Curl on Park Avenue.

The American Home Department of the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club arranged the affair and will have the meeting open to all club members. Mr. Charles will demonstrate different wigs and advise the group as to their management and up-keep. He will also talk on hair styles and coloring. A brief business meeting will be held afterwards to outline the programs for the remaining year.

Refinishing to be Taught at "Y"

The Mid-winter course in FURNITURE REFINISHING will begin at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, January 16th at 9:30 A.M. It was announced today by general secretary Duncan R. Smith.

The course will be instructed, again, by Mr. John Potter of Linden, who has been teaching the course in Scotch Plains and throughout Union County for the past three years.

Techniques of removing old finishes, preparing the surface for new finishes and applying the new finish will be taught by Mr. Potter in a fascinating program for those who like to work with wood.

The course runs for two hours each session and lasts for five weeks. Baby sitting can be provided, on the premises, if there is enough demand for it.

Students bring portable articles of furniture to the class and actually refinish them in the course of the five weeks.

Further information may be obtained by calling Y.M.C.A. at 2-7600.

Parent Guild Plan Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parents' Guild of St. Bartholomew's school will be held on Thur. Jan. 10th. The classrooms will be open at 7:30 for classroom group discussions; the meeting will commence at 8:15 P. M. in the auditorium of the school.

Mrs. Richard J. Healey, program coordinator, announced the program for the eve. is "Stimulating Reading" under the direction of Sister Ann Lucille, Sister of Charity, and Librarian at Bayley-Eliard High School in Madison, N.J. She is a graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth, a graduate of the Catholic University of America, with a Master's degree in Library Science. She is past chairman of libraries in the secondary schools of the Diocese of Paterson. The present secretary of the Sister Miriam Teresa League of Prayer. She developed and outlined the present Catholic Library Service for the Paulist Fathers of New York.

Women's Club Plans Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club met in the home of the president, Mrs. Jack Wilson, 358 Acacia Road, Scotch Plains, this morning, Thursday, January 3 to draft plans for the January 9 meeting of the club.

Mrs. Charles W. English, first vice-president and program chairman plans to have a representative of Sandler & Worth talk on "Interiors" at the January 9 meeting to be held in the chapel of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church at 1 P.M.

Mrs. Harry P. Messmer, Jr., the clubs representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Scotch Plains - Fanwood Board of Education read the complete recent report of recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education. This report was accepted by the Board of Education at their December 20 meeting and held for further study.

Township Clerk Helen Reidy wishes to inform Scotch Plains residents that Dog Licenses are to be renewed during the month of January. Licenses can be obtained at the Township Clerks office. Fees are \$3.00 for either male or female animals.

Licenses may be purchased by mail. A check or money order should be sent to Township Clerk Office, Municipal Building, Park Ave., Scotch Plains.

Democrats To Hold Dinner

The Scotch Plains Democratic Club announced last evening that they will hold a DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS DINNER celebrating the tremendous strides made by the Democratic candidates in the last municipal election in Scotch Plains. The dinner will be held at Mrs. D's restaurant, Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, on Saturday evening, February 9th, 1963. The committee handling the arrangements are Israel Gazek, Mrs. Adrian Powers, Louis Thomas and Mrs. Pat Dowling.

Discussion Group Plans Meeting

The Discussion Group of Temple Israel of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will meet Saturday evening, January 12th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Soffer, 235 Westfield Road, Fanwood at 9 p.m. Under discussion at that time will be the best-seller novel, "A STAR IN THE WIND" by Robert Nathan.

The group is open to anyone interested in attending. For further information, contact Mrs. Adolph Blum, 180 Watchung Terrace, Scotch Plains.

Plains Worth \$125 Million

Scotch Plains is now worth a cool \$125,000,000-plus.

According to estimates of the total evaluation of the community by the county tax board, Scotch Plains has a total evaluation of \$125,473,626 for 1963.

This represents a climb of \$8,758,159 over last year's figure of \$116,715,467. The increase is almost double the rise in valuation from 1961 to 1962. In 1962 the valuation was up \$4,295,194 over the 1961 figure of \$112,420,273.

In 1962 the net ratables -- based on about 40 per cent of true value -- were \$45,849,489. They are expected to reach \$47,346,889 in 1963, an increase of \$1,497,400. This increase will reflect a boost of \$150 per tax point, according to the Board of Assessors.

The increase in ratables means a tax bonus for the residents of Scotch Plains. The amount to be raised by taxation can total \$3,200,000 for 1963 as against the 1962 total of \$3,096,259, with-out change in the \$6.76 per \$100 tax rates.

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During the Korean Conflict, he was an Army Corporal. He is a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Keleher is married to the former Virginia Griffin of his native Springfield, Mass. The couple have three children: Joane, 5; James, 4; and David, 2.



WINNER--Miss Pamela Cady, daughter of the winner for the best Christmas Home Decorations receives the award given for the Cady family's beautiful Skytop Drive display. From left to right; Scotch Plains Rec. Commissioner, George Venezio, Miss Cady and Mayor Norman LaCombe. (photo Fred Keesling)

Golf Classes January 30th Is Candidates Night

The Fanwood - Scotch Plains Y.M.C.A. will be conducting two golf classes at different levels for women. For the beginners, there will be many basic skills to learn, and for the advanced golf players, there is more to be offered. The person in charge of the instruction is our ever popular instructor, Mr. Monte Norcross.

Classes are scheduled to start on Thursday, January 24, 1963, for a six week session in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium at Grand St. & Union Ave. The Beginners class will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the advanced group at 10:30 a.m. Equipment for the classes will be furnished if necessary.

Other adult classes due to start is the Furniture Refinishing Course under the superb instruction of Mr. John Potter, on January 16, 1963. You may inquire about what you should bring for the first class. The Women's Slimmastics Class will start its third session on February 6, 1963.

If you are interested in any of the above classes, contact the "Y" at FA 2-7600 or at Grand St. & Union Ave.

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unual money making project is to provide funds for the agencies to which the department contributes each year. Mrs. Edwin Braun, literature chairman noted that the January 10 meeting of the department will be held in the home of Mrs. Edward Mattiach, 2093 Lyde Place, at which time Mrs. Ira Henderson, a club member and former teacher will display and talk on her collection of rare old books, some of which were found on the battlefields of the Civil War.

School Psychologist Guest Of Parents

Anne Hanley, school psychologist with the Office of Special Education, Archdiocese of Newark, was the guest of parents of mentally retarded children who met Saturday, Jan. 5th at St. Bernard's School, Plainfield, for their monthly meeting.

Miss Hanley is a member of the Archdiocese's special education team who headquarters in Newark under the administration of Archbishop Thomas Boland, Most Reverend Joseph Dooling and Rev. Francis Lo-Bianco, was featured in a lively question and answer typediscussion with members of the parent group led by its president, Eugene H. Kelly.

She gave the group a complete run-down on the services and activities of the Office of Special Education, formerly known as the Catholic Guidance Center. For instance, referrals of students of parochial schools who are not able to do the usual classroom work are made because of mental retardation, emotional disturbances, speech and hearing difficulties or a combined problem. Tests appropriate to the problem are conducted and a series of interviews are held before an evaluation is made and a judgement expressed concerning the best possible academic environment for the child. The child may become a candidate for special education so that his educational needs can be satisfied with more individual attention.

When asked by a parent what he could do to help his child, Miss Hanley emphasized this particular point, "Acceptance of the child (with his handicap) is the most important thing for parents to do. In rejecting the idea of mental retardation in their child, parents unintentionally about additional problems for him by permitting him to doubt his real value." Counseling of

parents, either individually or in groups is considered advantageous at several stages of the child's development: when awareness of retardation takes place, at the school age, and when a vocation is planned.

During a discussion of testing procedures, Miss Hanley was asked, "What is the most significant?" She answered that a realistic outlook is encouraged concerning the mentally retarded child, that is, tests done with a child of 9 will give a more reliable result than those done on the same child at age 6 and, therefore, a difference in score will be noted. The usual outlook for the mentally retarded child is that he will progress but more slowly than the normal child and will not reach the same point of achievement.

The parent group of the Mt. Carmel Guild Saturday Class, moderated by Rev. Pierce Byrne, concerns itself with the support of the religious instruction program for catholic mentally retarded children and the advancement of catholic special education in Union County. The growth of this program in the Archdiocese of Newark, which includes the four counties, Hudson, Essex, Bergen and Union, has mushroomed since the success of its first class in 1949. There are now several classes in Hudson and Essex Counties, one in Bergen county and one in Union at Sacred Heart School, Elizabeth.

The special education candidates are taught by teaching sisters who have had advanced work in special education and it is believed that as more teachers attain the necessary training for this work the needs of all the exceptional children will be met. There are thirty retarded children, both educable and trainable, who attend religious instruction classes here each Saturday.

Tax Collections At 95.39%

Tax collections in Scotch Plains are 95.39% of the levy, Treasurer James A. Dixon announced this week.

He reported that the municipal debt was \$164,000, of which \$30,000 was on hand in trust. The township's investment program earned \$43,379 in 1962. Since 1956 this program has earned a total of \$276,097.

Once again the school budget accounted for the greatest amount of the township costs. In 1962 the school budget accounted for 64.2% of the tax rate; in 1961 it had been 62.5%. County taxes also increased, but the rise was slight by comparison. In 1962 county taxes accounted for 13.8% of the tax rate as compared to 13.7% in 1961. Next to school costs was municipal expenses, which took a drop from 23.8% of township expenses in 1961 to 22.0% in 1962.

Dance Classes To Begin Soon

Ballroom dance classes for adults will begin after the middle of January, according to an announcement by General Secretary Duncan R. Smith of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y.M.C.A.

The classes will be small and the instructors will teach those steps most desired by the group, he said.

The ten weeks course will take place on Friday evenings and will be taught by the Benedict Dance School.

Persons who are interested are invited to call the Y.M.C.A. at FA 2-7600 or to stop in at the office at Grand Street and Union Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Plains Police Dept. Travelled 131,571 Miles Last Year

The Scotch Plains Police Department traveled enough miles in 1962 to go around the world more than five times. To do this the police officers covered the township's 70 miles of streets many times over.

The department's vehicles drove a total of 131,571 miles in 1962.

During this time they handled 3,304 calls and complaints. A total of 1,375 summonses were issued, 240 accidents were reported, 680 requests for ambulances were handled, 110

arrests were made, and 178 fire calls were responded to.

Police recovered all ten autos that were reported stolen and all 52 persons that were reported missing.

The police found more property than was reported lost. Lost and found statistics show that 52 items were reported lost and 66 items were found.

According to Magistrate George W. Jackson, 1,865 traffic complaints were filed in 1962.