

## QUIET PLAINS PRIMARY

# Mayor Peterson, Edith Powers Unopposed As Party Choices

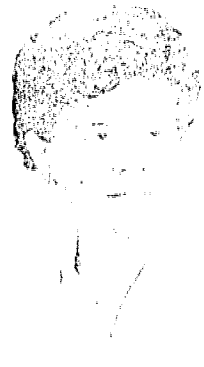
In Scotch Plains a 3-year Township Committee post is the only local office to be filled this year. Republican candidate seeking his party's nomination in the April 21 Primary is Mayor Edward H. Peterson of 2245 Coles Avenue, Scotch Plains. A distaff Democrat, Edith Powers of 1129 Hetfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, was selected by the local Democratic organization's screening committee to be the first woman to ever run for election to the Township Committee. She is seeking the party's approval of this decision in the Primary. No opposition to either candidate filed for the primary nor is any expected through a write-in vote.



MAYOR E. PETERSON

"Actually I think the function of government is one that has to be administered by the most capable people available whether man or woman," replied Mayor Peterson when your reporter queried him concerning his views on the subject of women in politics during a recent exclusive interview.

While not outright criticizing the Democratic screening committee's choice, Mayor Peterson managed to convey the thought that his November opponent lacked the experience—we suspect this will be the tack his campaign will take. For the record, he noted there is an important role that woman is playing in government (politics) and cited distaff Sena-



MRS. EDITH POWERS

tors, Representatives, Treasurer and a recent Surrogate. But he concluded by stating, "They have a long record of political service."

"Women belong in politics," countered Mrs. Powers, "if only to impart heart to the thinking of men who believe that every dimension of life must be plotted on a graph. A woman knows what children need, what women want in their town, and how to obtain the things that make life a little more pleasant."

"I think that after 47 years, we should have at least one representative of the opposition party elected," she disclosed to this reporter. And confident Mrs. Powers has already pledged to be a "full-time candidate and official." As the primary election looms, she is already planning her campaign to insure victory in the November election. A campaign that will include a platform of reduced speed limits within the Township and one that promises to do something about the "forgotten teen-agers."

Mayor Peterson is seeking his third term on the governing body. He first ran for township office in 1952, served as mayor in 1962, and was again named to that post this year. A former member of the Board of Education, he served on the Brotherhood Commission of Westfield and sat on the Board of Trustees of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church. A member of the Westfield Rotary Club, Peterson is a past president of the Community Fund, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Garbe Foundation.

A native son of Scotch Plains, Peterson is general sales manager with the Celanese Plastics Company, a member of the American Management Association and lecturer and seminar leader. He is also a licensed New Jersey Engineer.

Mrs. Powers is not a newcomer on the political scene although she never held office—in 1959 she was a candidate for township clerk. A tax consultant, office manager, and promotional advisor, she once was secretary to former Assemblyman George M. Miller of Union County. A former Democratic Committeewoman from the Sixth District, she served on the Citizens Committee for the study of Civil Service and was instrumental in having the question of Civil Service for local municipal employees placed on a referendum.

The wife of Adrian Powers, she is the proud mother of two sons now serving in the Marines. Active in civic and charitable organizations, Mrs. Powers is a former member of the South Side Civic Association, member of Scotch Plains Democratic Club, Taxpayers Association, and Amity Club.

The only Primary Election contest in Scotch Plains is for the male member of the county Republican Committee in District 2. John Andrusky Jr. of 548 Hunter Avenue is running against the Republican Organization's candidate, Eugene L. Martin of 2078 Church Street. The Republicans have a full slate for male and female county committee members in all 12 districts but the Democratic slate is incomplete.

Borough Clerk John H. Campbell Jr. is seeking to continue in his post as Tax Collector and George B. Draper, long time assessor is seeking to continue in that office.

The Republicans have a full and uncontested slate for county committee posts while the democrats have an incomplete slate.

## Revoked Driver, Car Owner Both Hit With Fines

On April 8, Magistrate George W. Jackson fined Jim Curtis Hanson of Roselle for allowing a driver who license had been revoked to operate a vehicle on a public highway while its registration was revoked.

Robert S. Ward of Elizabeth, the revoked driver, was fined for driving while on the revoked list and for displaying fictitious plates.

Chester Gasiorowski of Route 523 Flemington was fined \$35 for displaying fictitious plates and using an unregistered vehicle.

Barbara J. Ntche of Roselle was fined \$20 and her license was revoked for 30 days for speeding at 60 miles an hour in a 50-mile zone.

Also fined were: Edward R. Kube of Linden and Carl P. Crago of Roselle, both under 21, fined \$30 for possession of alcoholic beverages in a car. In addition, Kube's driver's license was revoked for 30 days.

Barry S. Singer of 49 Trafalger Dr., Colonia, \$15 for failing to obey an officer's signal; Ralph C. Blecheert of 2328 Belvidere Dr., \$20 for speeding; Mrs. Robert M. Brown of 113 S. Glenwood Rd., Fanwood, \$10 for parking in a prohibited area; Joseph E. Serrano of 309 Evergreen Blvd., \$10 for parking on the wrong side of the street.

In addition, Margaret Thomas of 1462 E. Front St., Plainfield, \$20 for careless driving; Fleck Knitwear Company of Route 22, North Plainfield and John Watahovich of 65 Piedmont Dr., Old Bridge \$20 each for delinquent inspection.

## Rasmussen Lone Democrat On Fanwood Primary Scene

A write-in campaign is allegedly underway in Fanwood to secure the April 21st Primary Election's placing a second Democrat on the ballot.

Paul N. Rasmussen of 101 Paterson Rd., Fanwood, who is seeking his party's nomination to one of the two 3-year Borough Council terms

is a newcomer on the political scene. Rasmussen is a graduate of Bucknell University with a B.S. degree in Engineering. He was a former director of organization personnel of the Atomic Energy Commission and

at the present time is a supervisor in the Department of Labor and Industry of the State of New Jersey. His background includes 10 years in a large New England Corporation.

Rasmussen has long been active in organizational work for the Heart Fund and the Y.M.C.A. His activities also include Northern N.J. Bucknell Alumni Association, Sigma Chi of Kappa Chapter of Bucknell University Club, New York; the Elks; and he is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of

Metuchen and served as its first vice president. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen are members of the Lutheran Church of Edgewater Park and have two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Greta DiTullo of Cranford; Mrs. Elizabeth Lowden of Elizabeth; Richard who is in his third year at Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy and Donald, who is at Ohio State studying for his Ph.D. in economics; and four grandchildren.

The Republicans have a full slate for the Primary for the four Borough posts. Incumbent Theodore F. Trumpp os 28 Arlene Court, Fanwood was appointed by former Mayor Charles T. Todd in January 1963 to fill the unexpired term of Hugh B. Sweeney for 1963. He has served as chairman of the following Council committees: recreation and education, health and welfare, and finance. He also served on the Planning, Zoning and Safety committees.

A graduate of Cornell University, Trumpp was the recipient of an A.B. degree in 1948 and a M.B.A. degree in 1949. His military service from August 1946 to July 1963 includes active duty and communications duty on Aircraft carriers with the Third and Fifth Fleets in the Battles of Okinawa and the Japanese Islands. He is presently a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve on inactive duty.

Trumpp, an Eastern Sales Manager, National Accounts, with St. Regis Container Division of the St. Regis Paper Co. New York, has never been too busy for community activities. He is a charter member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees.

MacPherson said "I have talked with many members of the County Screening Committee and they have told me that the delegate slate was selected only after a long and serious discussion so that it would be fair and balanced to represent all Republican viewpoints."

"Since Senator Case, who is a liberal, had already been selected as Union County's delegate-at-large, the Screening Committee endorsed Mayor F.

MacPherson seeks assist for GOP delegate spot

Edward Biertrumpfel, who represents the middle-of-the-road view, and myself, as one of the Republicans to represent the conservative viewpoint," MacPherson said in the letter.

"Those of you who know me personally know that I am strongly committed to basic Republican principles. Most Union County Republicans want a presidential candidate who will be proud to be a Republican and to represent our Party's views," the candidate said.

"We must, if we are to win the Presidency, have a candidate who will ask for voter support because he is a Republican, not in spite of it. This is the only road to success," MacPherson said.

MacPherson enclosed with his letter a resume detailing his 22 years of service to the Republican Party.



LAUNCHING OF Miss Little League contest for Scotch Plains-Fanwood Little League are, seated, l-r, Mayor Edward Peterson and chairman Ralph Sanders. Standing, same order, are Gene DiCavalante, Little League commissioner, Joseph Serran, Exalted Ruler of Scotch Plains Elks and Raymond Grauff, co-chairman.

## FANWOOD TO INVESTIGATE

# Council Committee Looks To Acquire Recreational Tract

Mayor E. Sidney Hulsizer on April 8 at the Fanwood Council meeting appointed three councilmen to a committee to investigate possible acquisition of a large recreational site.

The Planning Board designated the site, a 7-acre tract off Terrill Rd., on the Master Plan as a municipal recreational area and the Recreation Commission has recommended that the borough purchase it.

The council committee is to study the advisability of the purchase and the possible cost. The property now is owned by a development firm.

Councilman Theodore Trump, finance committee chairman, was named to head the committee. Other members are Ronald Beetham and Ralph Young, chairmen of the council's building and zoning and health and welfare committees, respectively.

The Recreation Commission was granted permission to hold its summer organized baseball program again at LaGrande Playground.

H.B. Engeseth of 19 Laurel Pl. questioned whether the borough could do something to force owners of vacant lots along South Ave. to clear them to debris and junk, after Mayor Hulsizer announced the Borough Council is considering an ordinance to

prohibit such accumulations. Join in the forthcoming New Jersey Tercentenary Cleanup Month and clean up their properties as a request made to residents.

Councilman Donald Dunne noted some conditions, such as garbage accumulations on properties, are prohibited under Board of Health codes.

Officials reported the borough will purchase a second leaf collecting machine this summer and regular collection schedules will be put into effect in the fall.

Notifications was received from the state Highway Department that the borough will receive a total of \$12,424 in state aid this year. The funds will be used for the improvement of Section 2 of North Ave.

Mrs. Edna Arneson of 159 Vinetion Circle in a letter commented the Police Department for locating the driver responsible for an accident involving her car while it was parked at the Fanwood Library.

## Organization Of New Plains Bank Gets Federal OK

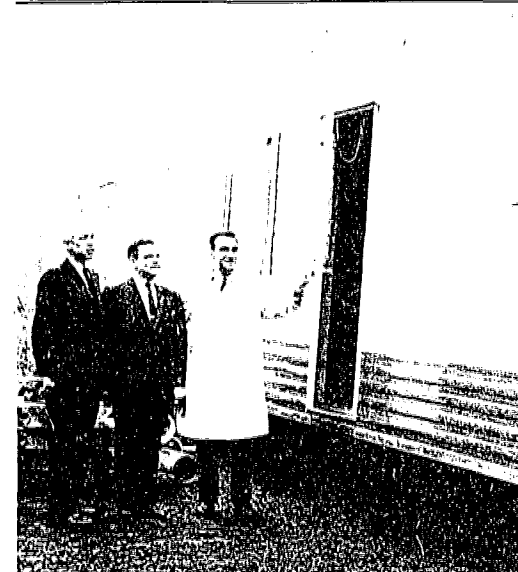
Nine businessmen, most of them township residents, have organized a new commercial bank here under the name of the 1st National Bank of Scotch Plains.

Approved by federal authorities, the bank will be located in Park Ave. in the business district. Its capitalization is \$750,000.

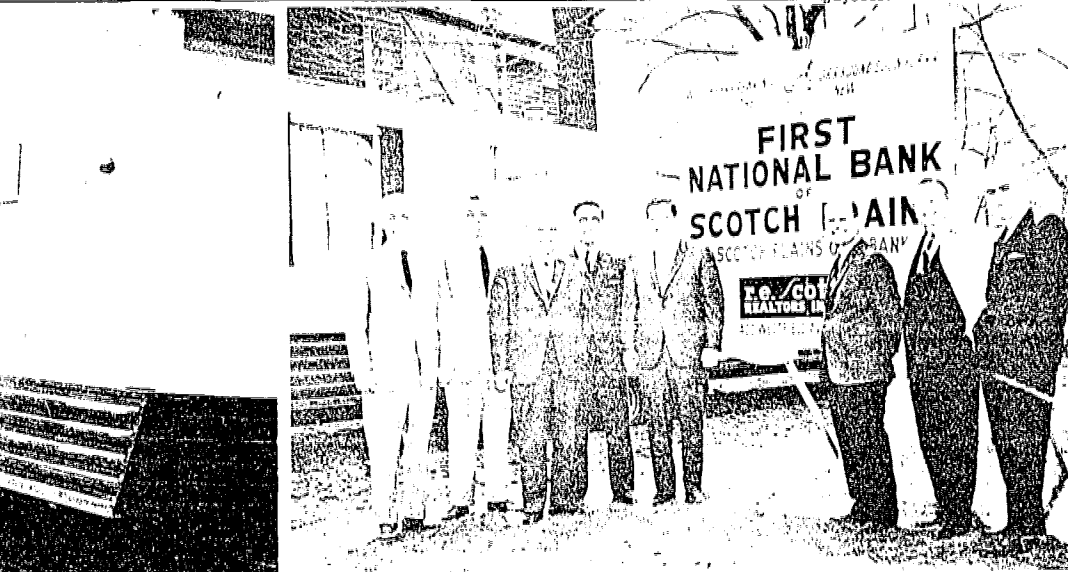
The commercial bank's organizers applied for a received a national charter from the Comptroller of Currency in the U.S. Treasury Department, according to Philip Lucia of 1232 Sunnyfield Lane, acting secretary.

The establishment of the bank was conceived by Lucia and two others, Frank Pitt of Union, president and board chairman of the First State Bank of Union, and Anthony Choberl of 368 Roberts Lane, former vice president of that bank. Lucia is a manufacturer's representative of stationery firms, a member of the Planning Board and president of the local Republican Club.

The six other organizers of the bank are: Peter Homack of 2 Gaycroft Dr., an engineer and executive; Joseph D'Annunzio of 417 Henry St., vice president of a construction company and also a Planning Board member; David Myielka of 172 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, president of an appliance distribution firm; Richard Goldberger of 1131 Donamy Glen, president of a cement company; Lloyd Koppe of 2466 Allwood Rd., secretary of the township Board of Assessors, and Robert E. Scott of 1880 Winding Brook Way, head of a real estate firm.



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