

VOTER APATHY BLAMED

'No Contest' Brings 15% Vote

BY BEATRICE STULZ Managing Editor

Voters armed with pencils instead of swords attempted to slay the monster "Voter Apathy" at Tuesday's Primary Election. Although there were a large number of write-in votes, by mid-afternoon it was apparent that once again it was a loss.

In Fanwood a total of 609 votes were cast out of a possible 4,107 with about 15% of the registered voters taking the time and trouble to exercise their right to vote. Over in Scotch Plains the total of 1,435 votes seems higher at first glance until the figure is compared to the 9,456 registered voters in the Township.

The expected write-in campaign in Fanwood nominating another Democrat to fill November's state of candidates seeking the two 3 year terms on the Borough Council fizzled. Melford F. Tietze of 27 Laurel Place received two write-in votes while James Lynch of 74 Arlene Court was the recipient of one write-in vote.

The only Democrat who filed and was listed on the ballot, Paul N. Rasmussen of 101 Paterson Road received 42 votes. Your reporter broke the news to Tietze when he was reached in an effort to ascertain if he intended accepting or declining the write-in draft. Reporting that he was certainly "surprised and honored", Melford

Tietze agreed to the publication of this official statement: "I think it would be proper for me to say I'm greatly honored by the receipt of the write-in votes but at the present time I feel that I must decline the nomination." On the Republican scene in Fanwood, a full slate was presented for the four Borough posts with incumbent Councilmen Theodore F. Trumpp and Roland M. Beethan receiving 534 and 551 votes respectively; Tax collector John H. Campbell Jr. received 545 votes and Assessor George B. Draper, 548.

In Scotch Plains there was no contest in either party for nomination to the single Township Committee seat. Mayor Edward H. Peterson, Republican received 992 votes while Mrs. Edith W. Powers, Democrat received 147 votes.

A contest for the male member of the country Republican District 2 was resolved at the polls when John Andrusky Jr. of 548 Hunter Avenue received 105 votes as against 52 for the Republican Organizations candidate Eugene L. Martin of 2078 Church Street.

The unusual number of write-in votes was tied-in with the fact that this is a "Presidential Year" but even Mr. Gallup wouldn't haphazardly guess as to the outcome of November's Election by this tally--in Fanwood Lodge was first choice, with Goldwater, a close second, with Nixon hot on their heels, while over in Scotch Plains Lodge was again leading.

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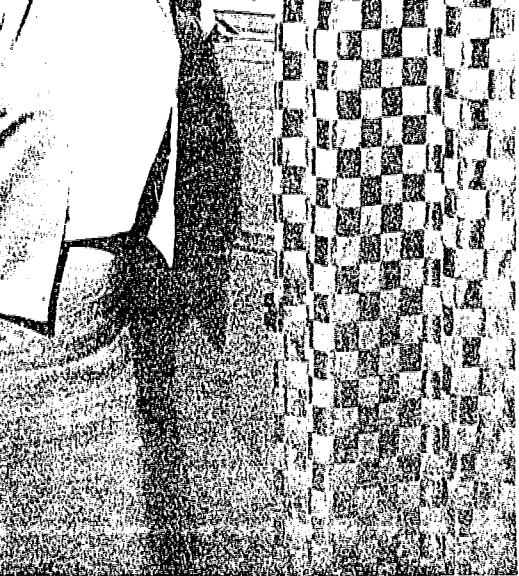
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ONE OF THE EARLY ARRIVALS at the election polls Tuesday was Mrs. Ann Barone of Scotch Plains, who picked the candidate of her choice at the Junior High School.

Youths Arraigned Before Magistrate

Variance Held Off For Funeral Home

After a public hearing on April 16, the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment postponed decision on an application for a zoning variance to permit construction of a funeral home in North Ave.

One of the applicant attended the hearing, but he did not express approval of the proposed funeral home establishment. Another person who also signed a petition favored the proposal.

The applicant was identified as Kirk P. Harter of 2252 Morse Ave., who plans the funeral home on two lots at 2251 and 2273 North Ave., near Chestnut St. Harter was acting as a funeral director, with a store which is expected to operate the establishment, which will be called Kirk Memorial.

The property is in an A-1 residential zone, but there are no funeral stations, necessary and a store in the area, according to testimony.

Julian Cousins of Westfield, the architect who designed the funeral home, estimated that it would cost about \$100,000. It would be of a modern-type architecture in white brick construction with a green roof. The building would cover 5,500 square feet.

Robert Neumuller who resigned as secretary of the board will continue as a member, Harry Christie was named to replace him as secretary for the remainder of the year.

An application by the Fanwood Realty Corporation of 15 South Ave. for permission to build a home on a substantial lot of 50-by-101 feet at 431 South Ave. was granted. The decision, delayed last month, was made after continuation of the public hearing last night.

Bond Issue To Voters On Future School Site

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education voted on April 16 to hold a \$225,000 bond issue referendum June 16 to seek voter approval for acquisition of a future school site in the Kramer Manor area and construction of an athletic field at the high school.

The proposals will be listed as separate questions on the ballot, with the school site listed first. Of the total bond issue, \$92,000 would be for acquisition of the site and \$133,000 for the athletic field.

The school board will seek the approval of the state Department of Education and Division of Local Government for the bond issue. It would be a 9-year issue and would mean that an additional four points in the tax rate, based on present rates, according to F. J. LaBerge, assistant superintendent of schools. He explained this would decrease as rates increase in future years.

The board is expected to hold a public hearing on the two proposals before the referendum.

The proposed Kramer Manor school site, which drew opposition from the area residents recently, covers about 10 acres in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The proposed athletic field at the rear of the high school has been recommended for some time by the Booster Club and others. The field was not constructed when the high school was built several years ago as an economy measure.

The board appointed Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & McCarthy of New York as bonding attorneys for the issue and Charles Boehm as auditor. Election officials who served last year were re-appointed.

The Board also approved change orders to alter specifications for some construction at the new \$2,160,000 junior high school to be built in Terrill Rd. The changes will

not affect the quality of construction, but will save several thousand dollars in building costs officials said.

Twenty-five new teachers were appointed by the Board and contracts were renewed for present teachers and other school district personnel.

The new teachers will start in September, with the exception of Mrs. Amelia Smith of Westfield, who was named to teach science in the high school starting this month to replace a teacher who resigned.

The new teachers include: Richard D. Call of Pennsylvania, social studies; Anthony Cataldo of Pennsylvania, Spanish and French; Miss Blanch Clark of Plainfield, science; Miss Linda L. Huff of Cranford, special education; Lucien Reed of Brooklyn, industrial arts; Paul H. Robeson of

Pennsylvania, art; Miss Trudy Scotch of Manville, social studies, and Sheldon Stroeber of Flemington, art, all in the junior high school.

Also, Miss Donna Crabb of Pennsylvania, fourth grade; Miss Gayle Levy of Union, kindergarten, and Miss Barbara Wittman of Connecticut, fifth grade, all in Schackamaxon School; Miss June E. Thomas of Pennsylvania, elementary art; Miss Judith Townsend of Watchung, elementary vocal music.

Also, Miss Patricia Edwards of Michigan, fourth grade; Miss Anne H. Macaulay of Westfield, third grade; Miss Rebecca Ann Neese of North Plainfield, second grade, all Coles School; Miss Ruth E. Harper of Pennsylvania, kindergarten in Lawrence elementary school. Also, Mrs. Emily Johnston

Cranford, fifth grade; Miss Patricia Long of Linden, second grade, both Evergreen School; Robert F. MacLean of Pennsylvania, mathematics; Marion M. Ramsay of Cranford, commercial, both high school; Miss Karen Preston of Pennsylvania first grade, School I; Miss Carol Stuart of Pennsylvania, fourth grade, Brunner School, and Miss Ellen Zatkowsky of Elizabeth, sixth grade, Muir School.

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vania, especially in dealing with that states severe unemployment problems, give promise of what Gov. Scranton could do for the domestic problems of our country. Nor is William Scranton a novice in the field of foreign affairs, having served as Assistant to the Secretary of State under President Eisenhower."

Asked about Gov. Scranton's position that he is not seeking the nomination, Newcomb said, "Gov. Scranton has said he will accept a sincere draft from the Republican Party. We are Republicans, we are sincere and we intend to see Bill Scranton is drafted."

Appointed to serve with Mr. Newcomb as co-Chairman was Mrs. Bruce T. McCoun of Middletown. The appointments were made by Warren J. Sinsheimer, chairman of the National Scranton for President Committee. While making the appointments Sinsheimer noted there were similar committees already formed in almost half the states.

Town Golf Course Establishes Fees For Membership

Membership and greens fees for the new municipal golf course, the Scotch Hills Country Club, were established last Thursday night by the Recreation Commission.

The township recently took over operation of the 9-hole, 32 par, approximate 2,300-yard course which is the only municipally operated course within a community in the state.

The commission also hired Veteran golf pro John Capello, 61, who taught the Kennedy family of political fame to play golf.

The fees were set after consultation with officials and golf experts at other golf courses, according to George Venezio, recreation commissioner. Membership fees will be \$15 a year for adults aged 20 and over. For couples, \$5 will be charged for spouses. Membership for teenagers aged 13 through 19 will be \$4 annually. Greens fees will be \$2.50 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, \$1 on those days after 4 p.m., \$1.50 on weekdays, and \$1 on weekdays after 6 p.m.

Applications and regulations for the course have been printed and are being mailed to more than 300 persons who have requested membership. They are available by writing to the Recreation Commission at the Municipal Building. Membership is open to all township residents.



RUNNING THROUGH REHEARSAL for the fashion show at St. John's Baptist Church, Morse Ave., Scotch Plains are 1-r Obed Brown, staging manager and models Ann Altamiranda, Mrs. Ruth Chutfield, Mrs. Gladys Simms, Eula Grobes.

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DEBORAH AWARD is presented to Leon Hirsch by Mrs. Arthur Fensku (left) chairman of Deborah Tag Week and Mrs. Irving Sedwin, President of West Mountain Chapter of Deborah.

Estelle Woliner Produces 'Fiorello', Slated For Weekend At High School

Producer for the Scotch Plains Players presentation of "Fiorello" to be staged on April 24 and 25, at 8:30 p.m. in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will be Estelle Woliner.

Estelle has appeared in the Players productions of "Picnic," "Come Blow Your Horn," and "Guys and Dolls." She just completed a three week-end run in "Come Blow Your Horn" with the Repertory Theatre in West Orange, and is currently directing a play for the Scotch Plains Woman's Club Drama

Department, which will be entered in the New Jersey Drama Festival.

Assisting Mrs. Woliner with her first production task are: Asst. Producer, John McGarry, Program and Advertising, Phyllis Thiesing and Kaniel Kaplinsky. Tickets, June Clawson and Phyllis Thiesing. Set Designer, Emanuel Goldfarb. Set Artist, Artie Freeman. Asst. Set Artist, Judy Freidenreich. Stage Crew, Walter Nixon and Jere Prouss. Stage Manager, John McGarry. Asst. Stage Manager, Lois Boat. Cos-

tumes, Evelyn and Gerry Hughes, Pat Ventura, John McGarry. Props, Joan Newcomb. Make-up, Evelyn Geetlein. Betsy DeSlozo. Lighting Sound, Peter Schultz, Jere Prouss, Bill Sidon. Set Construction, Bill Ardrey, Chris Grubb, George Miller, Pete Kostic, Walter Nixon, Jere Prouss, Maureen Reilly, Peter Schultz, Paul Weitz, Estelle Woliner. Stage Furniture, Dave Denne, Jim Fusco, Pete Kostic, Usherettes, Betsy Kostic, Mari Ann McGarry, Amy Snyder, Lois Weitz, Carole Woliner, Publicity, Mary Sellin.