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MR. AND MRS. JACOB TUSSEL pose in front of home and with their 11 grandchildren, including Bobby, 5; Frank, 3; Steve, 4; Laurie, 1; Donna, 4; Diane, 2; Matthew, 4; Brian, 3; Renee, 2; Michael, 8 months; and Nadine, 6 months.

Town Committee Reserves Verdict On Auto Zonings

After a heated public hearing Tuesday night on an ordinance which would prohibit automotive service establishments in all zones but commercial and industrial and set restrictions and standards of lot size, parking, and construction, the Scotch Plains Township Committee reserved action until June 16.

A request to have the ordinance tabled was made by Charles J. Stevens attorney for Di Pace and Marino Builders who are challenging the revocation of a building permit for a car wash in a Superior Court suit.

After receipt of a permit on March 23, the building firm proceeded to demolish an old house at 1770 East Second Street to clear the site for the car wash building which was to have a Colonial style front. New construction had been staked out and contracts entered into for car wash equipment prior to April 8, when Building Inspector Durkin revoked the permits because of safety hazards.

John Williams of 336 Sycamore Avenue, as spokesman for the 128 members of the Scotch Plains Businessmen's Association stated, "We feel the car wash is a very good thing -- a good thing for Scotch Plains, bringing in new business -- we feel that Di Pace and Marino in good faith applied for a permit for a car wash and that this ordinance should not apply to them.'

Raising their voices in protest against the car wash were three residents of nearby Sycamore Avenue, a mother of a School One pupil felt that "East Second Street is congested enough' while a mother of three boys noted, "I agree on the hazards.'

James Brown of Carr and Brown, with offices located down the street from the proposed car wash, spoke in favor of the car wash and requested that the ordinance she shelved until such time as the Supreme Court reaches a decision one way or the other.

A second ordinance authorizing the enclosure of Robinson s Branch, a brook [illegible] Avenue, was passed. The sum of $50,000 will be appropriated from capital improvement funds for the piping of the brook. The township will seek to have Union County and the State contribute part of the cost because the enclosure will eliminate county and state culverts.

Sewers Contract NS 15 for state aid materials was awarded to P and A Construction Company, the low bidder at $66,812.10.

Resolutions were passed authorizing the installation of fire hydrants in Brandywine Manor and additional street lights on East Second Street.

The Township Committee accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Edward Badran as a member of the Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

A resolution was also passed authorizing an emergency appropriation of $8,700 for salaries and wages, and $5,000 for other expenses of the municipal owned Scotch Hills Golf Course. The committee noted that no adequate provision had been made in the 1964 budget.

J. Donald Thomas of 206 Mountain View Avenue registered a complaint via mail about "Clean Up Week.' His letter stated, "According to your posters, Pick-up Week was scheduled from May 11 to 13. As of today, I have yet to see our street picked up.' His letter went on to note that a junkman came through and proceeded to scatter every neat pile. Later, a young son reported he had also picked up their oldest son's perfectly good bicycle.

Mrs. Circioli Installed Head Of School One PTA

Mrs. John Circioli was installed as president at the May 20 meeting of the PTA of School One.

Mrs. Frederick Sanguiliano, out-going president, presided. Mrs. George Hahm installed the new officers for the coming year as follows: Mrs. Julius Skerbisch, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Samuel Avella, 2nd Vice President; Mr. Raymond J. Callaghan, Hon. Vice President; Mrs. Russell Manthey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Raymond Nutting, Treasurer; and Mrs. Thomas Horan, Corresponding Secretary.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to honoring Miss Helen M. Speer retiring Kindergarten teacher.

A graduate of Wheelock College, Miss Speer has spent her entire teaching career at School One. Miss Speer was presented a bouquet of flowers and a gold charm (schoolhouse) from the PTA. A purse was presented by friends and former pupils.

Raymond J. Callaghan, Principal, Dr. Paul Rossey, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Henry Bluhm Principal of Schackamaxon School, Mayor Edward H. Peterson and former Mayor Mauro Checchio each spoke of their long association with Miss Speer. In turn Miss Speer expressed her thanks and appreciation for their kind thoughts.

The Sweet Adelines provided the entertainment for the evening. (women s singing group) The mothers of the Kindergarten classes acted as hostesses for the evening with Mrs. Donald Shields directing.

The Rev. Chester Hand, Jr. of All Saints Episcopal Church gave the invocation. Miss Speer's afternoon Kindergarten class won the attendance banner.

Scotch Plains Policemen will become service station attendants June 6 to raise funds for the scholarship fund of Local 87, Patrolmen s Benevolent Association, according to Patrolman Arthur Brunner, PBA scholarship fund chairman.

In a continuation of an annual program, the police officers will work at the Mountain Avenue Esso Station at Park and Mountain Aves. from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Tussels Cling To The Soil

BY BEATRICE STOLTZ

"Vanishing Americans," a term hither-to-for applied only to the First Americans--the Indians, has now been tagged on the small dairy and truck farmers. A very necessary part of the nation's scene, they have survived in the country side surrounding the large cities. Their fields of vegetables growing row upon row, their complacent cows chewing their cuds, their trucks rushing fresh vegetables to the cities' Farmers Markets have been a picturesque sight while supplying food for the cities' tables.

Now their numbers are few--the demise of the many was swift due to the Twentieth Century's population explosion and the subsequent exodus from the cities which changed the country to the suburbs overnight. Fields that formerly knew only the bloom of corn and alfalfa soon sprouted row upon row of tract homes. A few of the small farmers stayed, their fields of green and the occasional sight of a cow or a horse delight their new neighbors; the majority moved on; but a stubborn few bought land from their fleeing friends and adapted to the changing times.

Where a sign proclaiming "Sweet Corn For Sale," once stood on the Clark-Scotch Plains boundary line there now stands a billboard informing the passing motorist that "Tussel and Sons" are "Landscaping and Paving Contractors." It does not state that Jacob Frank Tussel, his wife Blanche, and their three sons belong to that group of "Vanishing Americans" who would not vanish.

Twenty-nine years ago, Jacob and Blanche, with their first born son Robert, age 17 months, moved to the 90 acre farm situated on old Lake Avenue in Scotch Plains. Although Jacob was born in Pittsburch, he grew up in Elizabeth where his parents operated Tussel's Dairy in a barn behind their home at 440 Fourth Avenue. His dad was one of the first milkmen in town and now Jacob was to soon have a dairy herd of his own.

At first, they only purchased one cow to have milk for home consumption; later, when she was with calf, they purchased another, and another, and soon owned seven milking cows. In 1937, they obtained their first milk license and were able to sell to neighbors as well as the milk companies.

The acreage purchased by the Tussels included Goodwin's Crossing, a private crossing maintained by th Lehigh Valley Railroad. The railroad tracks bisected their property and was to effect their future. Once their son wandered onto the tracks and Blanche who was looking for the youngster heard him say, "Mommy Choo-Choo coming," in time. The train did claim the life of one of their horses, but a watchman with a lantern prevented any fatalities.

Situated on what even in those days was a main artery between towns, the Tussels put in an acre of vegetables, cooked, canned, and preserved enough for their own needs; and sold their surplus on the road. One day, a Railroad overpass went up to eliminate the need of the growing number of cars using the RR Crossing. The engineers created a new strip of road, straightening out Lake

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Deborah Chapter Plans Outdoor Fair For Hospital

Family fun and fund raising have been combined by the Plainfield Chapter of Deborah for their Fun-in-The-Outdoor Fair to be held Saturday, June 6 on the grounds of Maxson School, Woodland Avenue and Seventh Street, Plainfield between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The members have come up with some ingenious ideas for the affair which will benefit Deborah Hospital, Browns Mill, a free, non-sectarian hospital for the treatment of operable cancer, heart, and tuberculosis cases, reports Mrs. James E. Murphy, chairman.

A favorite with the children should be the Puppy Booth where real, live dogs will be on sale. Parents will probably prefer the silhouette or charcoal booths where they can obtain the children s portraits.

Games, booths, and rides galore will keep the whole family busy and a special hourly surprise is planned. Refreshments from a Pizza Lunch Wagon to a Snow Cone Machine will be available. An auction will take place from 1-3 P.M.

Library Plans Being Discussed

Franklin Spooner, president of the Board of Trustees of the Scotch Plains Free Public Library has announced that another step toward the realization of an adequate library facility for the Township of Scotch Plains is being taken.

During this crucial period of developing a Library Program for Scotch Plains, the Board will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Board Of Ed. Authorizes Vote For School Site, Athletic Field

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education adopted a formal resolution authorizing its June 16 referendum on a $225,000 bond issue for acquisition of a school site in the Kramer Manor area and construction of a high school athletic field when it convened on May 22.

State officials have approved the proposed bond issue reported Fred J. Laberge, assistant superintendent of schools.

Frank A. Volpe, vice principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was appointed principal of the current Junior High School by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

His appointment will take effect in July, 1965. He will replace Francis Dezort, the current junior high school principal, who will become principal of the school district s second Junior High School, now under construction in Terrill Rd. and scheduled to open in September 1965.

The Board approved change orders in construction of the new junior high school, on which construction has started. The change orders will save $14,735.

Dr. Paul W. Rossey, superintendent of schools, announced that the administrative council is studying pupil evaluation and the method of reporting to parents. He said the method may be changed.

The Board accepted a plaque commemorating Dr. Abraham Coles, father of J. Ackerman Coles, for whom the new elementary school in Kevin Rd. was named. The plaque was donated by M. K. Jones, president of the Mountainside Historical Society, who found it recently.

Police Capt. Harold Hill, township safety officer, was commended by the Board upon his completion of 25 exemplary years of service.

Dr. Martin L. Stamm of Hopewell was appointed guidance director of the school district, to succeed Lawrence Mason, who will retire in June.

Carl M. Kumpf was named assistant junior high school principal, to succeed Earl Barnholm, who has resigned to become a principal in New Brunswick.

Miss Evelyn E. Jan Tausch of Short Hills was appointed director of reading.

The appointments become effective July 1.

Free use of the high school was granted for the first seasonal school session to be held. The offer is subject to liability insurance by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Summer School.

The Makecraft Company, low bidder, was awarded a contract for installation of cafeteria equipment in the new junior high school, at $30,600, and DeVries Company was awarded a contract for planting at the Coles School and high school, at $8,819. Contracts also were awarded for supplies and equipment.

The monthly staff report, entitled ' The Emerging Kindergarten Program , was presented by Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Smith and Albert M. DeSousa.

The Board will meet next month on June 29 instead of June 18 in order to conclude its fiscal year-end business.

Zoning Board Refuses Restaurant Variance

A zoning variance for a proposed restaurant in North Ave. was denied by the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment on May 22.

The application had been filed by the William L. Blanchard Company of Newark, which had planned to build a Minuteman Restaurant at 2344 North Ave. in an A-2 Residence Zone.

The restaurant was protested by area residents at a public hearing in March and they also presented a 147 signature petition against it.

Tabled, after a public hearing last night, was decision on an application by the Humble Oil & Refining Company of Linden for permission to build a service station on Route 22 and Pinehurst Ave. in a C Commercial zone.

The Board again tabled action on a variance application to permit construction of a funeral home in North Ave. near Crestwood Rd. by Kirk P. Harger of 2252 Morse Ave. No action was taken because of the absence of one board member who had heard the case in April.

Mrs. Caroline H. Propsner of 7 Nicholl Ave., who has been operating a beauty shop on the rear porch of her residence with permission for several years, was granted permanent approval to continue its operation. The house is an A-3 Residence Zone.

James McGinn of 412 Forest Rd. was granted a variance to build an addition to his house which is in a B Residence Zone.

Women Get Replies From Senators

The regular monthly meeting of the Fanwood Womans Club was held Wednesday, May 20. Mrs. Arthur Bradley, President, presided. Mrs. Richard Harris, corresponding secretary, read letters from Senators Clifford Case and Harrison Williams, replying to a letter from the club taking an affirmative stand on prayer in the public schools.

Mrs. George Mejia, second vice president, announced the budget for the coming year. The following projects were proposed for 1965 to raise money for charity; fashion show, round robin bridge, Chinese auction, buffet dance, and a card party and fashion show to be hld at R J Goerkes.

Mrs. Bernard Schaefer, chairman of the American Home department reminded members of the June 5 trip to board a Grace Line cruise ship at Port Newark.

The garden department will tour the gardens at Rutgers on Wednesday, May 27, it was announced by Mrs. John Mackay, chairman. Mrs. Allen W. Bliss, heading the welfare department this year, reported that the next meeting of the department will be held at the home of Mrs. Alan Merseresu, May 26.

A swim and breakfast party, June 12, at the home of Mrs. Laurence Andrews, for the benefit of Youth Services, under the auspices of the civics, youth, legislation department was announced by Mrs. John Miller.

Mrs. Allen Kelb, chairman of the literature department, informed members a covered dis luncheon is to be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Van Hoesen, May 21.

Board Appoints 29 New Teachers

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education appointed 29 new teachers and accepted the resignations of 12.

Dr. Paul W. Rossey, superintendent of schools, said there are now about 300 teachers in the school district and about 20 new teachers are added each year because of increasing enrollments.

The new teachers, appointed for the 1964-65 school year, are:

Robert S. Cacossa of Orange, Miss Sharon L. Fuss of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Irene L. Grubman of Westfield, Miss Joyce Kaminski of Clifton, Lawrence Lapinski of Martinsville, all science in the junior high school; James V. Cerasa of Clark, Miss Joy L. Ginsberg of Scotch Plains, Arthur J. Mancini of Larchmont, N.Y., and Miss Antonia S. Wilkins of Philadelphia, all English in the junior high school.

Also, Raymond G. Bradish of Pennsylvania, high school mathematics; Miss Emilee C. Clark of Bloomfield, first grade, Coles School; Miss Mary J Cullen of Scotch Plains, fifth grade, LaGrande School; Miss Marianne S. James of North Plainfield, sixth grade, LaGrande School; Miss Judith Ann Jennings of North Plainfield, business education, high school.

Also, James A. Kolyer of Rahway, industrial arts, high school; Miss Karen Ann Lawrence of Cranford, French, junior high school; Mrs. Karen B. Levinson of Jersey City, sixth grade, Muir School; Mrs. Sondra R. Markman of Long Branch, fifth grade, Coles School; Miss Ruth L. Murray, Coles School; Stephen Petruska of Pennsylvania, sixth grade, Coles School; Mrs. Rita L. Plant of Plainfield, first grade, Coles School.

Also, Miss Linda L Powell of Pennsylvania, first grade, School One; William Riviello of Pennsylvania, high school physics; Mrs. Ann Rumpp of Pennsylvania, third grade, LaGrande School; Miss Mary Louise Scrima of Pennsylvania, elementary art; Mrs. Joan C. Still of New York, third grade, Coles School; James Vere of Staten Island, industrial arts, junior high; Mrs. Eleanor Wright of Long Branch, fourth grade, LaGrande School, and Miss Carol Ann Zimmerman of Union, first grade, Brunner School.

Joseph Checchio, music director, and Raymond Schnitzer, physical education director, were re-appointed and George Esposito was named business education director.

The board approved payment of salary through June 30 for Harry Atkins, business teacher in the high school, who has been ill. He will retire next month after 35 years with the school district.