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A MAN OF FACTIONS ... REACTIONS

D. MacDonald Gains Support Of Mayors

Republican Assembly candidate Donald W. MacDonald of Scotch Plains was formally endorsed for the GOP nomination in a joint statement released today by Mayor Russell P. Patterson of Scotch Plains and Mayor E. Sidney Hulsizer of Fanwood. MacDonald, one of six candidates for five Assembly nominations in the Republican Primary Election June 1, is chairman of the Westfield Area Young Republicans and a member of the Regional Planning Council for the Greater Plainfield Area.

The mayor's statement said, "We are taking this opportunity to announce in support of Don MacDonald's bid for an Assembly nomination. He is a lifelong area resident; born and raised in Westfield, now a Scotch Plains resident, he knows our region well. The mayors added, "Don has compiled a fine record of achievement, is young, vigorous and well qualified to serve the people of our communities and Union County in the State Legislature. We hope our friends and neighbors will join us in voting June 1 for this hard working and deserving Republican."

In acknowledgement MacDonald thanked the mayors for their support and said, "I am deeply grateful to Mayor Hulsizer and Mayor Patterson for their confidence in my ability to serve the people of Union County in the Assembly. If the voters favorably consider my candidacy June 1, I will strive endlessly to always warrant that support."



Mayors Russell P. Patterson and E. Sidney Hulsizer of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, respectively endorse Donald W. MacDonald for GOP nomination.

Powers Pledges "Full Time Energies"

Democratic candidates for Scotch Plains township office have completed a special program for municipal government officials held by Rutgers, the State University.

The program, conducted by University professors, elected and appointed government officials, and political leaders touched on budgets, planning, state resources, zoning and a host of similar topics that face township personnel.

Democrat candidates for Township Committee are Remo Grimaldi, a civil engineer whose "talents appear invaluable to a town facing \$5 million in public building"; Mrs. Edith Powers, who pledges to serve full time to "end the run-around people now get when they go to town hall manned by part-time officials"; and Ray Wererkotte, an advertising official who promises to "end the information gap existing in this town".

Mrs. Natalie Kaplan, a substitute teacher in the Rahway and Scotch Plains school systems, and candidate for tax collector rounded out the Democrat contingent at Rutgers.

Russ Pagana, Democrat campaign coordinator, commented on the program: "It gives everyone an opportunity to measure the performance of Scotch Plains against that of other communities. From our standpoint, the course will be of tremendous benefit. That means the town will gain from it, too."

The Chief Speaks Out

By ELLEN DEROGATIS

James Osnato, Chief of the Scotch Plains Police Department, issued a statement today deploring the many pedestrian accidents that have occurred during the past week. "It is not only the fault of the driver but negligence on the part of the pedestrian. This is due to lack of proper safety education; and I say emphatically that caution should be used at all times," the Chief said.

A thorough investigation into the cause of each accident is now being conducted by Safety Officer Captain Harold Hill and Officer Robert Luce. Officer Luce, after completing courses at Northwestern University, is specially trained for this type of investigating. Sketches, which have been drawn and studied, will help in determining clues and patterns.

Two out of the several accidents involved young bicycle riders. In each case Chief Osnato said the two young boys were at fault because of improper riding procedure. In one instance the bicycle was too big for the youngster and he probably wasn't employing laws that govern cycling. He was

traveling on the same side of the street as the car and cut across the moving vehicle without using proper hand signals. The wheels of the bike came in contact with the wheels of the car thereby throwing the boy to the ground. The driver was traveling at the normal speed limit and made every effort to stop. The boy was slightly hurt and the bicycle was totally damaged. This accident could have been prevented if the youngster had been orientated to rules and regulations of the road. "Obviously," the Chief stated, "it was not the driver's fault but what can be done about a seven year old boy who caused this scene?" In another case involving a bicyclist, where the Chief said it was again not due to the driver. The boy rode out from a side street, disregarded the stop sign and was hit by an oncoming car, which was traveling at the normal safety speeds.

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Police Chief Osnato ponders the question of "Why Are There So Many Accidents?"

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