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PRIMARY WRAP-UP...LIBRARY MIX-UP

Campaign Aides Named For Dumont

Harry Osborn, Union County Freeholder, and Chairman of County Activities of the Dumont for Governor group in Union county released the names of the nine co-ordinators who will be working with him for the election of State Senator Wayne Dumont, choice of the Republican screening committee.

Heading the list was the name of Charles Bailey, former county chairman, former Union County Freeholder and former Mayor of Westfield. Bailey will assume the campaign responsibilities in his hometown, and predicts a heavy turnout for Dumont.

Mayor Robert C. Maddox of Plainfield was named to head up the Plainfield group. Now in his second term as mayor he had served as a councilman for 4 years prior to his election for the first time in '61. He is a former president of the Union County Young Republicans and a member of the Republican County Committee.

Giles O'Sullivan, president of the Linden Republican club was named to head up the Linden municipal organization, while Mrs. Mary McDonald, of Berkley Heights, Mrs. Jane Watson, of Fanwood, and John Lombardo, of

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Library Cost Questioned By Democrats

Scotch Plains Democrats this week announced Operation Book-strap--an entirely new study of the needs, costs and location of a public library in town.

The study is aimed at getting a new perspective on the town's plans for an \$840,000 library project, set to get rolling later this year.

"The library about to take shape in Scotch Plains started out as a \$400,000 effort, climbed to \$700,000 early this year, and is now up to \$840,000," Democrats say. "By the time the building is completed, it can easily cost a million dollars unless we act now."

Doing the talking and pledging to act are Democrat candidates for Township Committee Remo Grimaldi, Ray Waterkotte, and Mrs. Edith Powers, and the candidate for Tax Collector, Mrs. Natalie Kaplan.

"A library which will cost each property owner \$25 a year is poorly conceived, poorly designed, and poorly planned," they said. "Since this modern-design structure will face the loading docks of the town's stores, it must also be considered poorly located."

"Since the master plan has

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Mc Donough Foresees Drop-out Remedy

New Jersey children will begin school when 6 years old under a bill adopted by the Assembly Monday. It now goes to the Senate.

Assemblyman Peter J. McDonough of Plainfield introduced the measure after conferences with school authorities, Parent-Teacher Associations, and individual fathers and mothers. All foresee it as remedial in the drop-out situation, an antidote for social problems, and a bulwark against the influence of indifferent or lazy parents.

The measure would bring the so-called "disadvantaged" children under formal control a year earlier as their parents, indifferent or antagonistic to education, tend to let the youngsters almost literally run wild until the law impels them into the schoolroom.

These children mainly are new to the areas in which they live and are impeded by linguistic barriers and a deficient comprehension of normal American standards.

Assemblyman McDonough observed that they often are aggressive in their greater worldly wisdom and independence and consequently disturbing to those conventionally trained. They are

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Dems Fear Tax Hike In Plains

"Since the town plans to build three schools, the library, a new town hall, a new fire house, and a new road department building--all by 1970--we had better begin looking for ways to save a dollar."

"This six million dollar construction program will drive taxes on a \$20,000 home to about \$800 a year by 1970 unless some solid planning is finally undertaken for the town as a whole," they said.

Playing a key role in the new study is Remo Grimaldi, a civil engineer who has supervised design and construction of a number of installations for his company, the Western Electric Company. Assisting Grimaldi are veteran Democratic pulse takers, Waterkotte and Mrs. Edith Powers.

Both Mrs. Powers and Waterkotte have been active in studying the financial impact of a town swimming pool, for example. Their conclusions have recently been verified by the mayor's swimming pool study commission.

Reports on Operation Book-strap will be published regularly in the Democrats' newsletter, the "Spectator".

D.W. Mac Donald For Tax Revision

In a policy statement released today, Republican Assembly candidate Donald W. MacDonald of Scotch Plains, issued another call for a state tax revision convention and endorsed legislation proposed by State Senator Nelson F. Stamler which would establish the convention in 1966.

MacDonald acknowledged that the constitutional convention on reapportionment next year "could be enough project for one year but we can't sit idly by and hope our tax problems will go away. They Won't."

The Scotch Plains Republican added, "Our most realistic answer is to overhaul this outmoded, archaic fiscal structure now and before we even consider a broad base tax of any kind."

MacDonald also called for a "coherent program of Federal tax rebates to the states on a proportionate basis." He charged that New Jersey pays in taxes to the Federal treasury twice as much as is returned in grant-in-aid programs and added "Everyone who pays taxes in this state should support a program of tax rebates for the states. Even Governor Hughes has indicated a minimum program would mean a \$100 million grant to our state

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Residents Deplore Eyesore; Demand Action

The Citizens Committee of the Northwest Side (Henry, Victor, Warren and William Streets, Westfield Avenue and Malcolm Place) have submitted a petition to the Township Committee last week complaining about heavy equipment that will be stored behind a new office building under construction by the Jada Equipment Corporation, Elizabeth, located on a hill between Scotch Hills Country Club and a residential area. Joseph D'Annunzio of the firm pledged his "good will" by discussing and working with the residents in order that this problem might be solved. The next hearing is set for June 7 with the Mayor and the Committeemen.

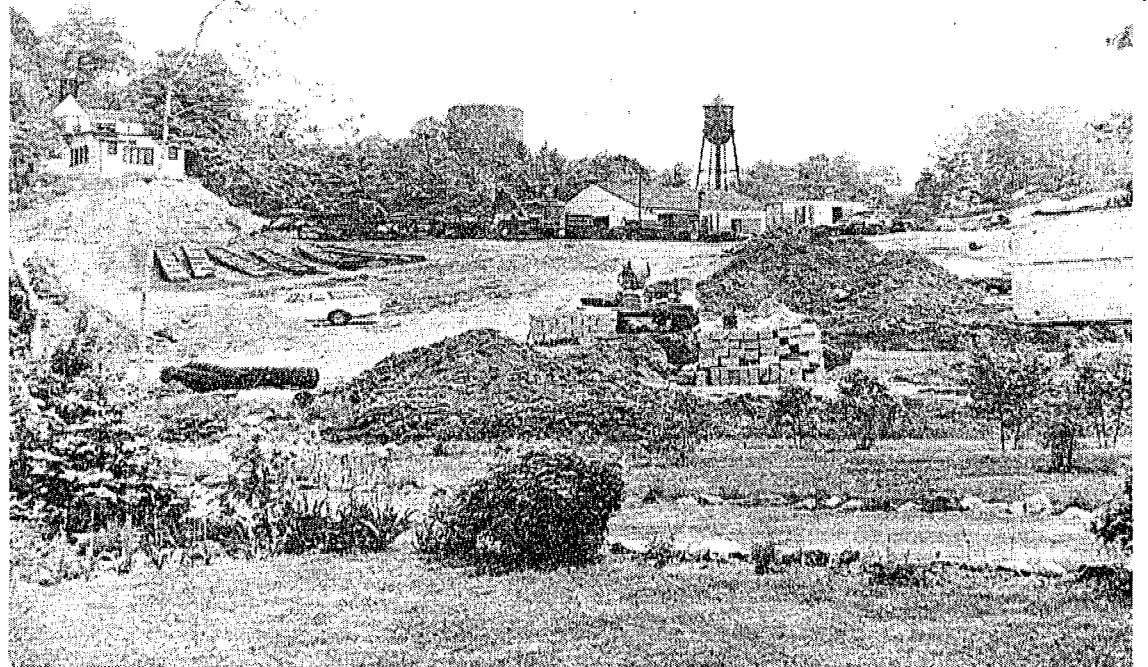
D'Annunzio's firm is constructing the building which will be an outside storage for heavy, moveable construction equipment. The trucks, tractors, cranes and other machinery, which will be permanently parked in that area, is an "eyesore" and "depreciates the value of our homes, endangers the lives of our child-

ren going across Westfield Avenue to Evergreen School with the constant moving of heavy equipment, the storing of pipes, fuels and building materials and has destroyed the rustic appearance of our residential area", said John Crowley of 528 William Street, spokesman for the group.

The residents also complained that the equipment can be seen from their homes and "gives the appearance of a heavy industrialized section." They demanded that fencing, trees and shrubbery be put around the equipment and that the equipment be moved to an area "not seen outstandingly."

Ultimatum Set

If the fence is not up by July 4, they said, a watchman should be posted on the grounds at all times. They demanded that the shrubbery and construction be completed by the fall and also asked that grass be planted by fall to reduce "blowing dust" and to control the "mud that runs onto the streets during the rainy days."



"A hazard to our children..." The construction site on the Northwest side of Scotch Plains that is causing comments and complaints from the citizens residing in that section of town.