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Municipal Pool For Plains?

Robert Lee requested that the Scotch Plains Township Committee appoint a new committee to study the feasibility of a Municipal swimming pool. Lee prefaced his request with the explanation that he was speaking as a private citizen rather than as Chairman of the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission. "As a police officer", Lee stated, "I know the value of a healthy outlet for youth during the summer." He asserted that pool owners and private swim club members are in the minority in the community and that a Municipal pool would be in the interest of the majority of residents in Scotch Plains. He suggested likely sites should include Kramer Manor, Scotch Hills Country Club or property owned by the Township behind the Southside Firehouse. Lee's firmest appeal was for the Township Committee to "Save" municipally owned property that could be developed as a pool site. Adrian Powers, 1129 Hetfield, commented that when the question of a municipal pool was placed before the voters a few years ago, 2,304 voted Yes, 3,364 voted No, and 2,305 persons who cast votes during that election did not vote either way on the question. Powers stated that 1,000 families are all that is needed to sustain a pool and he listed successful municipal pools being operated in neigh-

boring communities. Powers opined that the wordage of the defeated pool referendum was a negative approach, helping to defeat the question.

Two residents on Raritan Road, armed with pictures to substantiate their claim, complained about drainage conditions resulting from building in their area. Committeeman Theurer noted that the Township has just employed an Engineer, and promised the complainants that he would personally join the Engineer to inspect the area and aid in alleviating the problem.

James Nelson, Mapleview Court, speaking for himself and sixteen neighbors asked the Township Committee to instruct Public Service to remove three of the five street lights recently erected on the street. All seventeen home owners on the 'old end' of Mapleview Court have agreed that the additional lighting destroys the 'country atmosphere' the street has enjoyed.

Four bids received for the installation of sanitary sewers in West Broad St., Hetfield Ave. and Burkeley Terrace were rejected by the Committee. The Clerk was authorized to advertise for new bidding.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders communicated to the Township their willingness to contribute up to \$7,-



Knights of Columbus, Father Nelligan Council 5730, held its installation of officers. Ben Mondri, Retiring Grand Knight (second from left) hands over the gavel to Al Bertolotti, newly installed Grand Knight. Left to Right - John Brennan, Past Grand Knight; Ben Mondri, Dennis Burke, District Deputy; Al Bertolotti, Rudolph Beisser, Warden; Jack Tierney, Deputy Grand Knight; and Louis Russo, Chancellor. (Photo by Jerry P. Donnini)

500 for improvements for the intersection at North Avenue and Hetfield Ave. - Summit Ave. with the provision that the work be completed within twelve months.

The Director of the Union County Planning Board notified the Committee that his office has received the traffic count on Raritan between Lake and Martine Avenues furnished by

Scotch Plains officials. He stated that the local officials' count was about 2-1/2 times the count the County got, and that he recommends that the counter used be checked. The count, in excess of 30,000 vehicles in a 24 hour period, he stated, is roughly comparable to traffic on Central Avenue in Clark Township between Parkway and Raritan.

Having authorized the Clerk to advertise for bids for sidewalks along Raritan Road and Ashbrook Drive and along Raritan Road and Martine, Mayor Kitsz announced that a special meeting of the Township Committee for the purpose of awarding these contracts will be held on July 25.

Adopted on second reading was an ordinance to appropriate \$40,000 for construction of sidewalks on portions of the northerly side of Cooper Road, Raritan Road, and North Avenue and the southerly side of King Street and Raritan Road.

The Committee authorized the proper officials to enter into an agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the rearrangement of sanitary sewer facilities on Route 28. Costs for the project will be born by the State.

The Township is petitioning the Board of Freeholders for \$42,000 for crossings in the north side of Route 22 and for the construction of a new bridge on Raritan Rd. north of Terry Lou Acres.

Public hearing on a proposal to abolish parking on portions of Terrill Road and Jerusalem Road is scheduled for the next regular meeting of the Township Committee on August 15.

Dr. Carlos Pallini, 909 Westfield Road, has been appointed as Township Physician. His appointment became effective July

1 and runs through December 31, 1967.

Committeeman Santo Salvo and Mayor Kitsz attended the graduation of three of Scotch Plains' finest. Arthur Bruchetti, Thomas DiQuollo and Richard Grausso graduated from the Union County Police Academy in a class of such high standing that the Academy received a State award. Of a possible 100, the entire class rated from 85 to 99.5.

Bomb Threat... A Hoax

Banking as usual was interrupted shortly after noon on Wednesday, July 12, when an unidentified person telephoned that a bomb had been planted in the Scotch Plains Branch of The Suburban Trust Company on Park Avenue. Noon hour patrons were turned away and the bank emptied of personnel as the Township Police Department thoroughly checked the two floors of the building. After a one and a half hour search, nothing was uncovered and the bank was reopened to the public.

It was reported that shortly after noon, the unknown terrorist notified the Westfield Police Department, warning them of a bomb that was about to explode in the Suburban Trust building. When questioned as to which office, he hesitantly named the Scotch Plains Branch. A call was later received at the TIMES office, also informing a staff member of the incident. It is suspected that both calls were placed by the same person. Simultaneously, the Scotch Plains Police Department was notified by the Westfield Police and the TIMES.



Mayor William Kitsz of Scotch Plains (second from left) helps Louis Reid, manager of The Berg Agency's Scotch Plains office, cut the official ribbon. The new office, located at Highway 22 and Park Avenue, next to Snuffy's Steak House, is the eighth for the real estate firm. The office was opened on Wednesday, July 5. Left to right: Leonard Berg, co-owner; Mayor Kitsz; Reid; Jerry Salomone, general manager of The Berg Agency; and Kenneth Berg, co-owner.