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Co. "Phony" Says State Body

Purported winners of holiday homes in the Poconos may have a rude awakening if they travel the more than 100 miles it takes to collect their prize. Paul J. Krebs, Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, today revealed that the contest is merely a come-on to entice consumers into buying land and homes from a real estate development company.

Mr. Krebs reported that the developers have literally blanketed the State with so-called Sweepstakes Certificates that advise citizens they have won cash prizes or log packages to build two or four bedroom houses. The log packages turn out to be just that - bundles of logs. If you don't want the logs, they will give you a supposed \$500 allowance on your land purchase.

The complaints now being received in the Office of Consumer

Protection point to the fact that not one person has actually won anything. All log or cash prizes are contingent on the buying of land. As Mr. Krebs points out, "the very fact that hundreds of New Jerseyans received these notices, indicates that this is not a bona fide contest but a promotional scheme."

Mr. Krebs advises consumers who wish to purchase land or homes in the Pocono Mountain area to deal with "legitimate real estate organizations whose reputation and integrity can be attested to by the Better Business Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce in the Pocono Mountain area. Always be suspicious of contests which you did not enter and which ask you to go to an office to pick up your prize. As usual, this something for nothing gimmick costs far more than it's worth."

Township Committee OKs \$35,000 For Fire Alarm System

Fanwood Boy in Car Mishap

A Fanwood boy was injured on Monday when he was struck by a car in Portland Avenue. Fourteen year old Peter Ferrara was treated in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, for head, neck, and leg cuts.

According to police he darted into the path of a car driven by Joseph B. Brannon of 1960 Church Street, Scotch Plains. The boy was thrown up on the hood of the car, striking and breaking the windshield before rolling off on the ground.

Home Owners Ask New Street Name

Scotch Plains will have about seventeen fire alarm boxes throughout the business area under terms of an ordinance approved on November 21. The fire alarm system, for which \$35,000 was appropriated, will be installed on poles.

Ten homeowners from Rita Terrace requested the township committee to change the name of their street to Stony Brook Circle. They labelled the Rita Terrace name as confusing, requiring spelling after it is pronounced. The Stony Brook Circle name is more descriptive of their area, they said. Rita Terrace is a one-block long street on the south side of town, running off Martine Avenue. The petition was referred to committee for consideration.

Westfield Avenue from Park Avenue to Forest Road is now totally commercial in zoning. Three lots at Westfield Avenue and Forest Road, formerly zoned for residential purposes, were rezoned in an ordinance passed. The ordinance was the subject of a public hearing last month, and was tabled for further consideration after several residents objected to the new zoning of the properties.

Custom Instrument Corporation of 2470 Plainfield Avenue has offered \$4000 for a 25 foot piece of property in Kate Street. The property will be sold at a public sale on December 5, on condition that it become part of adjacent property and approved by the Planning Board.

Mountain Range View Corp. of 219 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield submitted an application for transfer of the liquor license of Maison Billia Restaurant, Terrill Road to 1776 Route 22. Maison

Billia has been closed since a serious fire destroyed most of the Terrill Road Building in the Spring. The application was submitted to committee for consideration.

Six commissioners will receive \$150 each, voted to them by the township committee for condemnation proceedings against two pieces of land to be used for a new park in the Kramer Manor section of town. The properties are at 1930 Cliffwood Street, and 1168, 1187, and 1191 Jefferson Avenue.

Two contracts were renewed, one with the Northeast Weather Service for \$405 for forecasting services in 1968, and another with the state Department of Transportation for \$673 to cover highway lighting service.

Township Attorney George A. Wood will appeal a land assessment reduction by the Union County Board of Taxation. The property value of a lot at 1785 Front Street, owned by Frank Galbraith, was reduced from \$29,200 to \$10,900.

Humanities Award to Representative Florence P. Dwyer

Representative Florence P. Dwyer will be honored at an area-wide Israel Bond Dinner and will receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award for "her staunch friendship and support for Israel" on Sunday evening, December 3.

One of Israel's highest Army officers will represent his country at the dinner, which will be held at Temple Shalom, and will participate in the tribute to Mrs. Dwyer, it was announced by Harry E. Bronston, General Chairman of the Plainfield Committee for Israel Bonds.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Award was established "to perpetuate the spirit and ideals of a noble woman who graced the American scene as humanitarian fighter for freedom, defender of underdeveloped nations, and staunch friend and supporter of the State of Israel".

Senator Deplores Scarcity of Women in Legislature

"What is happening to the woman's role in the Legislature, where politically it is needed most in New Jersey?" State Senator Mildred Barry Hughes asked today.

"I am alarmed and I am sure many others interested in State government are alarmed, too," Senator Hughes declared.

Mrs. Hughes, Union housewife who holds the distinction of being the only woman ever elected to the New Jersey Senate, pointed out that there will be only one woman in the Legislature next year--Mrs. Josephine S. Margetts, Morris County Republican who will serve in the Assembly.

The only two women in the present Legislature -- Mrs. Hughes in the Senate and Mrs. Betty McNamara Kordja of Passaic County in the Assembly -- were among the Democrats who were engulfed in the Republican tidal wave last November 7.

That election, Senator Hughes noted, was the first in 47 years in which New Jersey elected only one woman to the Legislature.

From the all-time high of eight Assemblywomen in the 1950's, the ranks dropped to only three in the 1960's.

Senator Hughes remarked that one of the obvious reasons for the decline in the number of feminine legislators can be attributed to the seeming reluctance of the leaders of both major political parties to put women on their tickets. She pointed out that neither party had a woman running for countywide office last November 7 in such populous counties as Bergen, Essex and Hudson.

Action Delayed by Plan Board

In last week's meeting the Fanwood Planning Board tabled an application by Mrs. V. Barbara Holton of 209 Tillotson Road who sought approval to divide her property into two lots.

Action was delayed pending a report from Borough Engineer Richard Luster on the status of Municipal services at the property. If extension of services is necessary then the subdivision must be classified as a major one. The property is on a private street and the Board had sought the opinion of its attorney, William M. Beard on what action it may legally take. Beard's opinion, stated in a letter, was that the Board can consider the subdivision but, if approved, no house could be built on the newly created vacant lot and the lot could not be improved or sold until the street became an improved public street.

Mrs. Holton wants permission to divide her property into 100-foot and 80-foot frontage lots. A house now stands on the proposed 100-foot frontage lot.

Senate Majority Post Goes to Frank McDermott

Senator-elect Frank X. McDermott of Union County was the GOP choice for the post of Senate majority leader when the new Republican-controlled Legislature meets on January 9.

The selection of McDermott was not unexpected but the GOP majority did come up with a minor surprise. The traditional "top hat and tails" opening day costume went into the discard in favor of ordinary business suits. McDermott described this move as "in keeping with the new business-like attitude of the new Legislature."

Praise for Three

Three Scotch Plains public servants were cited as "dedicated public servants" by Harry E. Bernstein, former Scotch Plains Township Attorney, for their attendance at a course he presented at Rutgers University on "Legal Aspects of Planning and Zoning". The three are: James W. McCann, Building Inspector; Robert Hill, member of the Board of Adjustment, and Mrs. Jules Siegel, alternate member of the Board of Adjustment.

The township Fire Department also was acclaimed by North Plainfield Fire Chief Charles J. Kmosko for its part in the Plainfield area Fire Prevention Week demonstration last month.

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