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Library Dedication Set for Saturday

Scotch Plains took a giant step forward this week. On Monday, April, the doors of the brand new \$414,000 Scotch Plains Public Library were opened to the public for the first time. Next Saturday, at 3 p.m., formal dedication ceremonies will complete a long-awaited dream of many residents.

It's a big week in the history of the community... for the long-ago vision of a library as a place to house books is strictly a thing of the past. A modern library, such as the new municipal one, represents a cultural center, an active part of the community, a reservoir of information, entertainment, and intellectual stimulation to every resident. This is the ideal. The small and cramped quarters which served Scotch Plains until now were woefully lacking in provision of services, due to lack of space and books. However, the beautiful new giant should prove a local landmark and source of pride for decades to come.

If one were to search for a one-word capsule description of the new facility perhaps "natural" might fill the bill. In building materials, decorative colors, structural design, and landscaping, the architects, McDowell-Goldstein of Madison seem to have emphasized natural materials and warm, earthy colors.

The main reading room of the library gives an impression of lightness and airiness, yet windows as such are not incorporated in the design. The walls are lined with "carrels", or small alcoves for one-man use, which jut out from the building and are lined with long windows running the length of each carrel. Old brick soft brown wood paneling, and heavy wooden beams are primary wall and columnar materials with ceilings and some wall areas painted a soft oyster white. There is deep rust colored carpeting throughout and bright yellow accents here and there, in upholstered chairs. Suspended from the ceiling in the main room is a solid bank of sixteen light fixtures - each a long, rectangular, copper-colored fitting, modern in feeling. Outside, pebbles, rocks, fir trees, and a rock-edged pit filled with flowering trees complete the picture.

Facilities in addition to the 30,000 new books (17,000 new volumes, in all categories throughout the library) include space for 25,000 more volumes to fill the new steel and formica stacks, and a brick-walled music room, which includes turntables and tape deck and an extensive library of more than 200 albums of classical and modern music, language, poetry, plays, etc. The building will house an extensive collection of newspapers and per-

iodicals, encyclopedias, government publications, Wall Street publications, and extensive reference material.

Downstairs, a public meeting room, with a separate entrance to facilitate its use after library

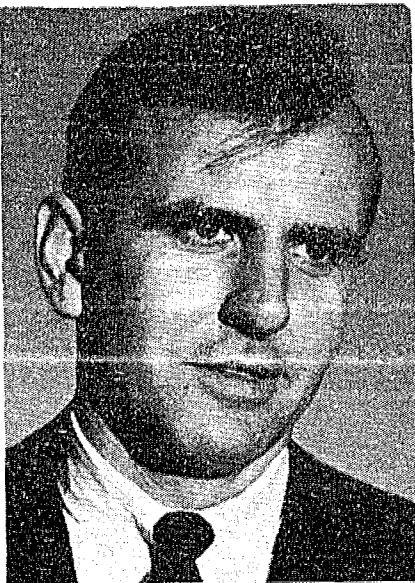
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Gene Schiller Seeks G.O.P. Nomination for Township Committee

Gene Schiller announced today that he is seeking the Republican nomination for Township Committeeman. Mr. Schiller lives at 524 Dona Lane, Scotch Plains, with his wife, Yolanda, and seven children. His wife, the former Yolanda DiQuollo, has lived in Scotch Plains all of her life, while Gene has resided here for 22 years and attended Scotch Plains High School. He is an instructor of government and economics at St. Benedict's Prep where he also serves as head football coach.

Mr. Schiller holds a B.S. in political science from Holy Cross College and is a candidate for a Master's Degree in economics at Rutgers this summer. Active in church and religious activities, Mr. Schiller has participated in St. Bartholomew's C.C.D. program, program chairman for the Holy Name Society, and as corresponding secretary of St. Bartholomew's Parents Guild. Other local activities include membership in the Cub Scouts Board and the Scotch Plains Republican Club and service on the Heart Fund.

Gene has actively participated in athletics all of his life. He has played professional baseball with the Milwaukee Braves Organization. He is one of the founders of the Scotch Plains Junior and Midget baseball and basketball leagues, an official with St. Bartholomew's boys league, and is a member of the Essex County Coaches Association and New Jersey Interscholastic Coaches Association.



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Shady Rest Residents Protest Industrial Noise - Floodlighting

Police Recover Stolen Car

Police Department reports for Tuesday detailed the recovery of a stolen car. The automobile, reported stolen in Plainfield by Harry Kochut of 1540 Franklin Street, Scotch Plains, was later recovered when the driver struck a mailbox in front of the home of William Freist of 179 Madison Avenue. The automobile, a 1966 Ford, received damage to front fender, bumper, and radiator grill.

CORE Chapter President Complains of Harassment

A resident of the Shady Rest section of Scotch Plains voiced his objection, and that of neighbors in his area, to floodlights and welding noise which he claimed were "harassment" to them. Lamont Gonzales, of 245 Hamlette Place, said that many of the residents in the area are unable to sleep at night because of the floodlights which shine into their homes from industrial buildings in Beryllium Road. Welding noises, he said, often continue after 9 p.m., and also provide annoyance. He expressed concern about equipment around the plants which might prove harmful to children and questioned the enforcing of grounds maintenance standards to provide more attractive surroundings.

Mayor Santo Salvo said he had not been informed of any previous complaints concerning the floodlights, but that he had investigated following a complaint last summer about welding noises. The plant from which the noises issued assured him, he said, that following completion of one major rust removal job underway, the welding would be eliminated on weekends and at night. Santo Salvo said the Committee would check out the complaints of the residents.

Committeeman Albert Theurer said he understood that the floodlights were being used as a deterrent to vandalism in the area.

Malverse Martin, president of the Plainfield Area Chapter of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) said his organization had received calls from several Scotch Plains residents complaining of "psychological and physical harassment that people in this area are undergoing". Martin said CORE's legal staff is preparing a list of grievances which will be forwarded to the Township Committee by Friday.

Martin said "We urge you to take heed and to pay serious attention. Scotch Plains has been relatively quiet and serene compared to other New Jersey communities. We in CORE hope Scotch Plains will remain calm and we'll do all in our power. The complaints are serious, of the type that could lead to serious trouble".

When questioned later concerning the "psychological and physical harassment" Martin said conditions such as that described by Gonzales was an instance, and that CORE plans to take a more active role, putting forth complaints to local governments, and using facilities to change conditions in the community and in the school system.

The Township Committee received reports of assessments for installation of sanitary sewers and pavement in several areas. Total cost for sewers in King Street will be \$31,931, with \$18,180 of it listed as benefits derived from lands and real estate, \$5,620 as township property benefits, and \$8,131 to be paid from general taxation. Sewer installation in Ternay Avenue, Richmond Street, Front Street, and the rear of prop-

Administration Notables Address Young Dems

On Sunday, March 31, the Young Democrats of the State of New Jersey conducted their annual Issue Conference at the Greenbrier Restaurant in New Brunswick.

Union County was particularly honored to receive two appointments to the conference which brought representatives from all counties in the state.

Mr. James Donelon of Elizabeth was appointed Vice Chairman of the Conference and Miss Kathleen Reilly of Scotch Plains was placed in charge of registration.

Miss Reilly had just returned from Washington, D.C. where she was a delegate to the National Young Democratic Campaign Conference held at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Speakers at the Conference included the President and Vice President of the United States, Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture and Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the U.S. The program also included numerous conferences with notable Democratic Senators and Congressmen.

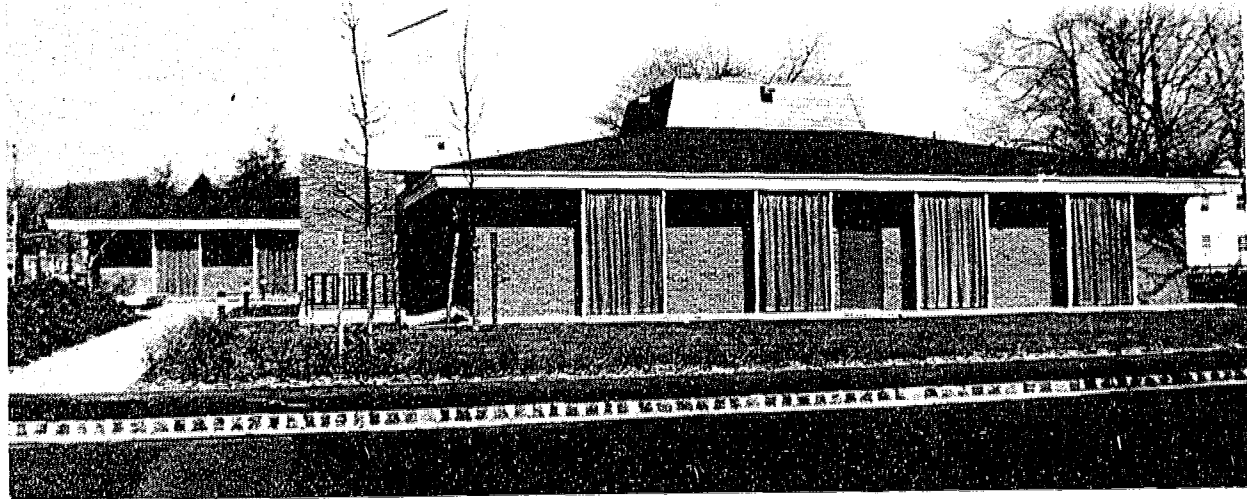
Miss Reilly is the Corresponding Secretary of the Scotch Plains Young Dems.

The Club will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4, at the Plainfield Trust National State Bank, 45 Martine Avenue in Fanwood at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

"YES" to Close for Vacation

The office of the Scotch Plains Youth Employment Service will be closed during the week of Easter vacation, April 15-19. Those planning to employ students for housecleaning or any other work during that period are urged to call the YES office (322-9400) by April 10 so that the staff may have adequate time to process the applications and to provide workers for all jobs.



Scotch Plains' new half million dollar public library where dedication ceremonies will take place next Saturday.

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